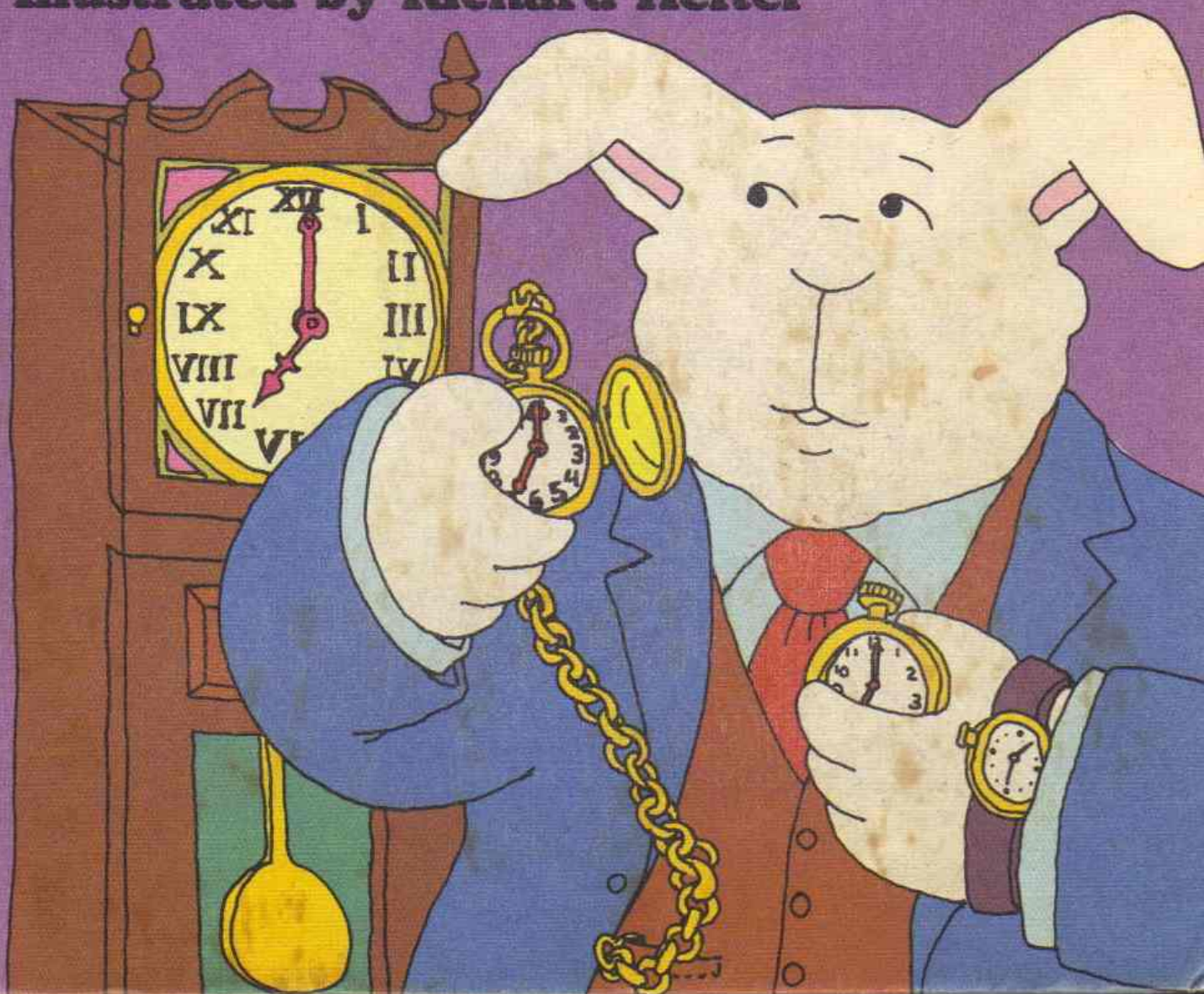


SWEET PICKLES

# REST RABBIT REST

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IT'S YOUR FAULT!

EXCUSE ME.

I'LL FIX IT.

I'M HUNGRY.

I DOUBT IT.

ACCUSING  
ALLIGATOR

BASHFUL  
BEAR

CLEVER  
CAMEL

DOUBTFUL  
DOG

ENORMOUS  
ELEPHANT



HAW, HAW!

I LOVE YOU?

SIGH...

NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO!

NYAAH!

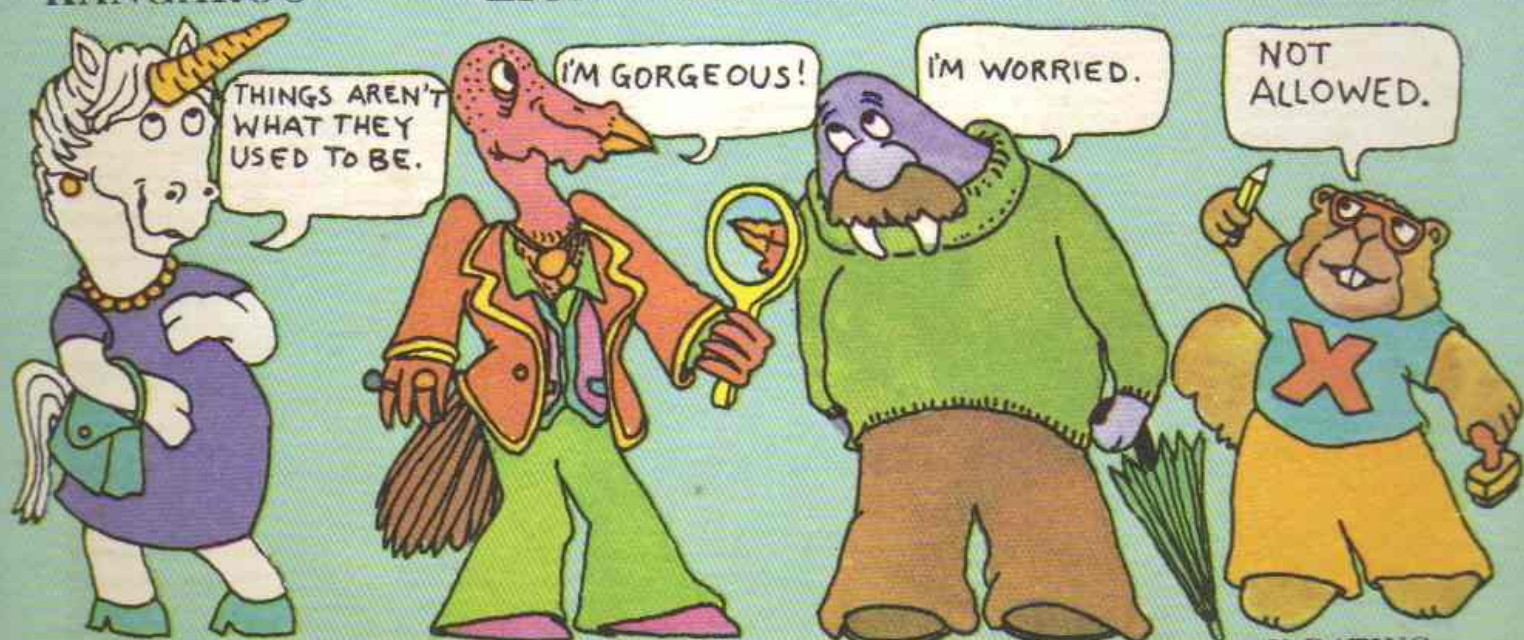
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KANGAROO

LOVING  
LION

MOODY  
MOOSE

NASTY  
NIGHTINGALE

OUTRAGED  
OCTOPUS



THINGS AREN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE.

I'M GORGEOUS!

I'M WORRIED.

NOT ALLOWED.

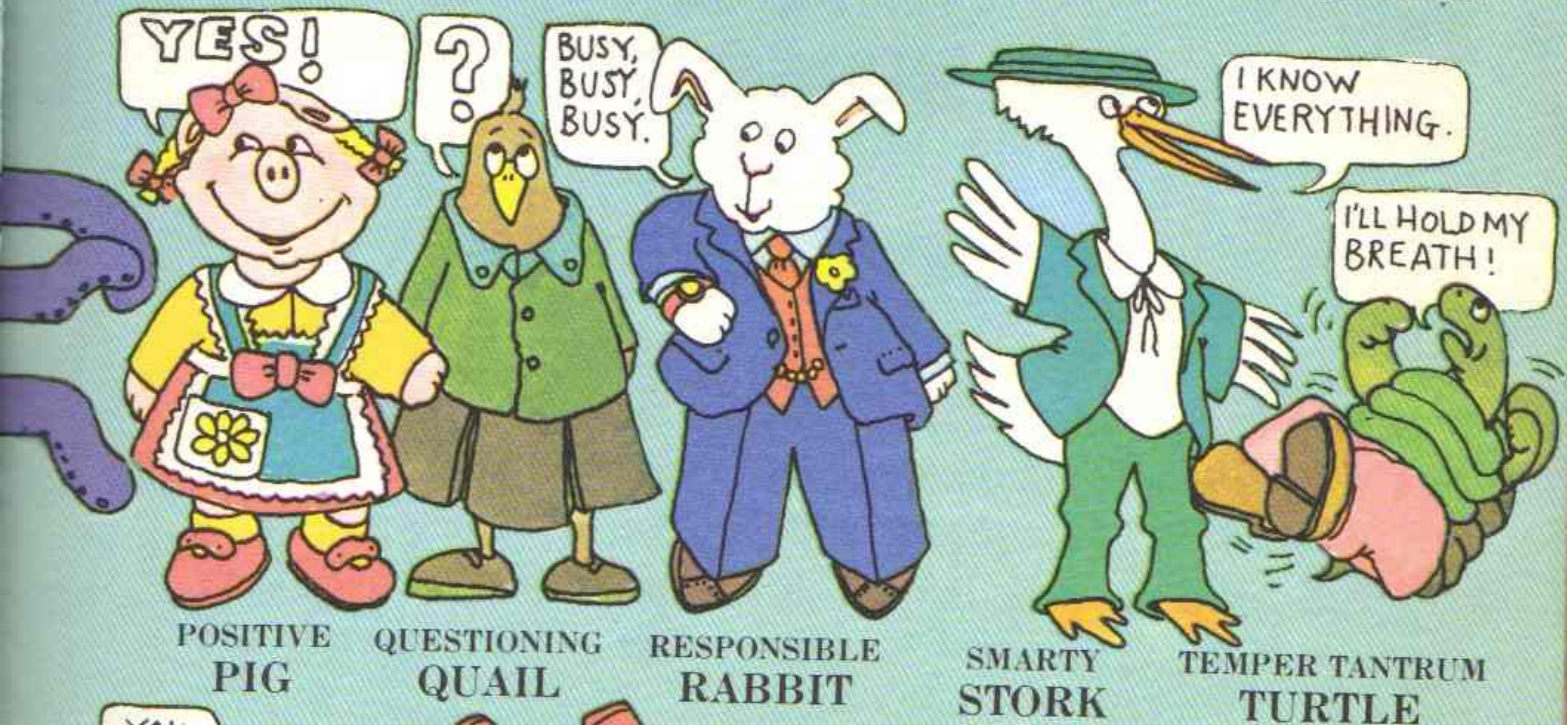
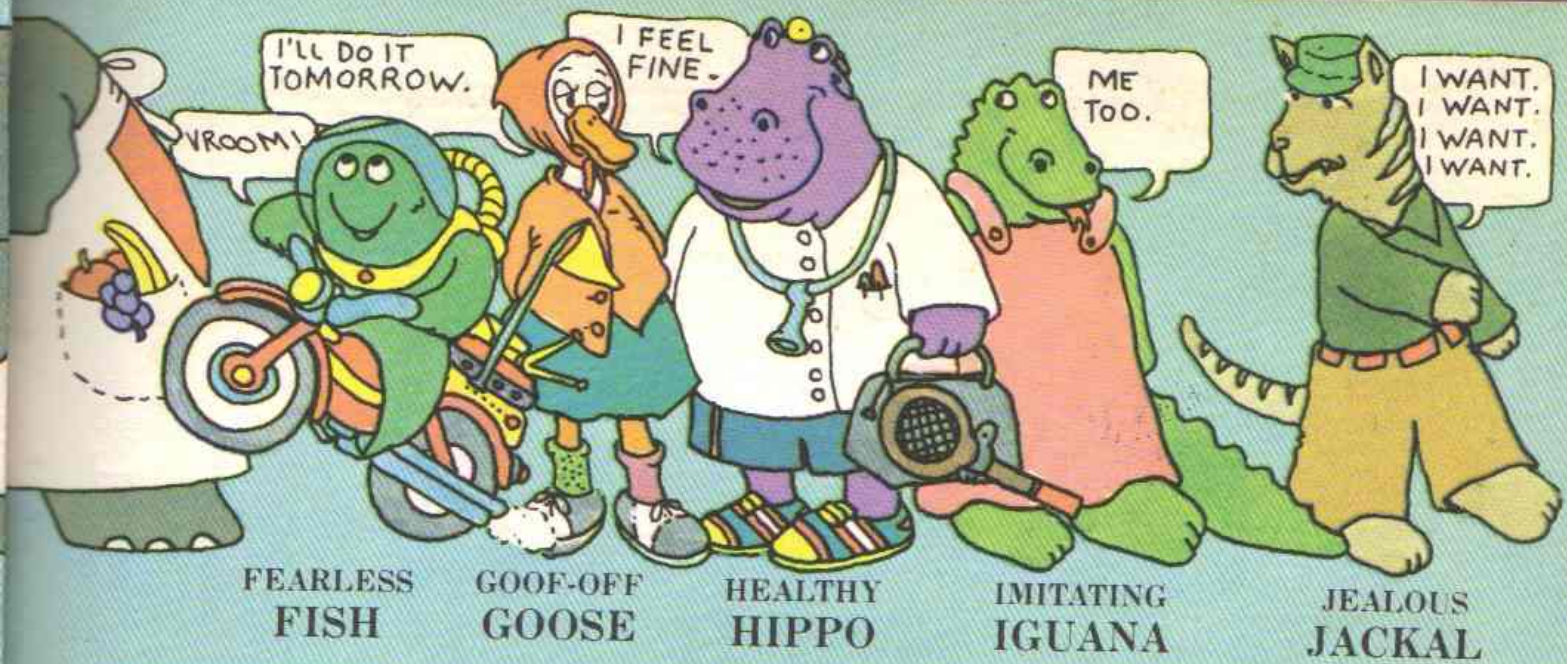
UNIQUE  
UNICORN

VAIN  
VULTURE

WORRIED  
WALRUS

X-RATING  
XERUS





HERE THEY ARE

**SWEET PICKLES**

All twenty-six of them  
in stories with giggles  
and tickles and awful pickles





**THIS**



**BOOK  
BELONGS TO**

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FISH AND FLIPS  
GOOSE GOOFS OFF  
HIPPO JOGS FOR HEALTH  
ME TOO IGUANA  
JACKAL WANTS MORE  
WHO CAN TRUST YOU, KANGAROO?  
LION IS DOWN IN THE DUMPS  
MOODY MOOSE BUTTONS**

**NUTS TO NIGHTINGALE  
OCTUPUS PROTESTS  
PIG THINKS PINK  
QUAIL CAN'T DECIDE  
STORK SPILLS THE BEANS  
TURTLE THROWS A TANTRUM  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNICORN  
KISS ME, I'M VULTURE  
VERY WORRIED WALRUS  
XERUS WON'T ALLOW IT!  
YAKETY YAK YAK YAK  
ZIP GOES ZEBRA**

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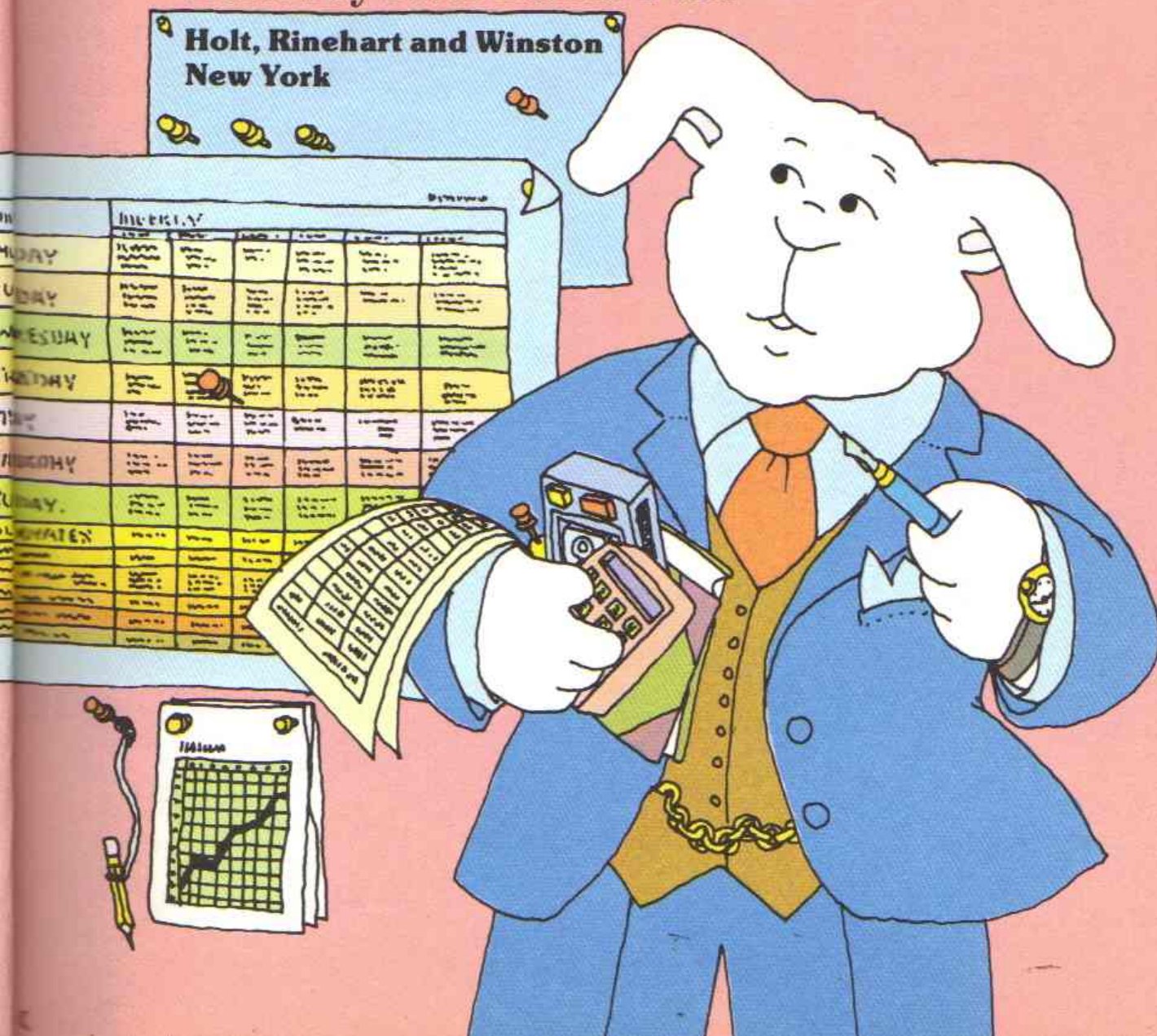
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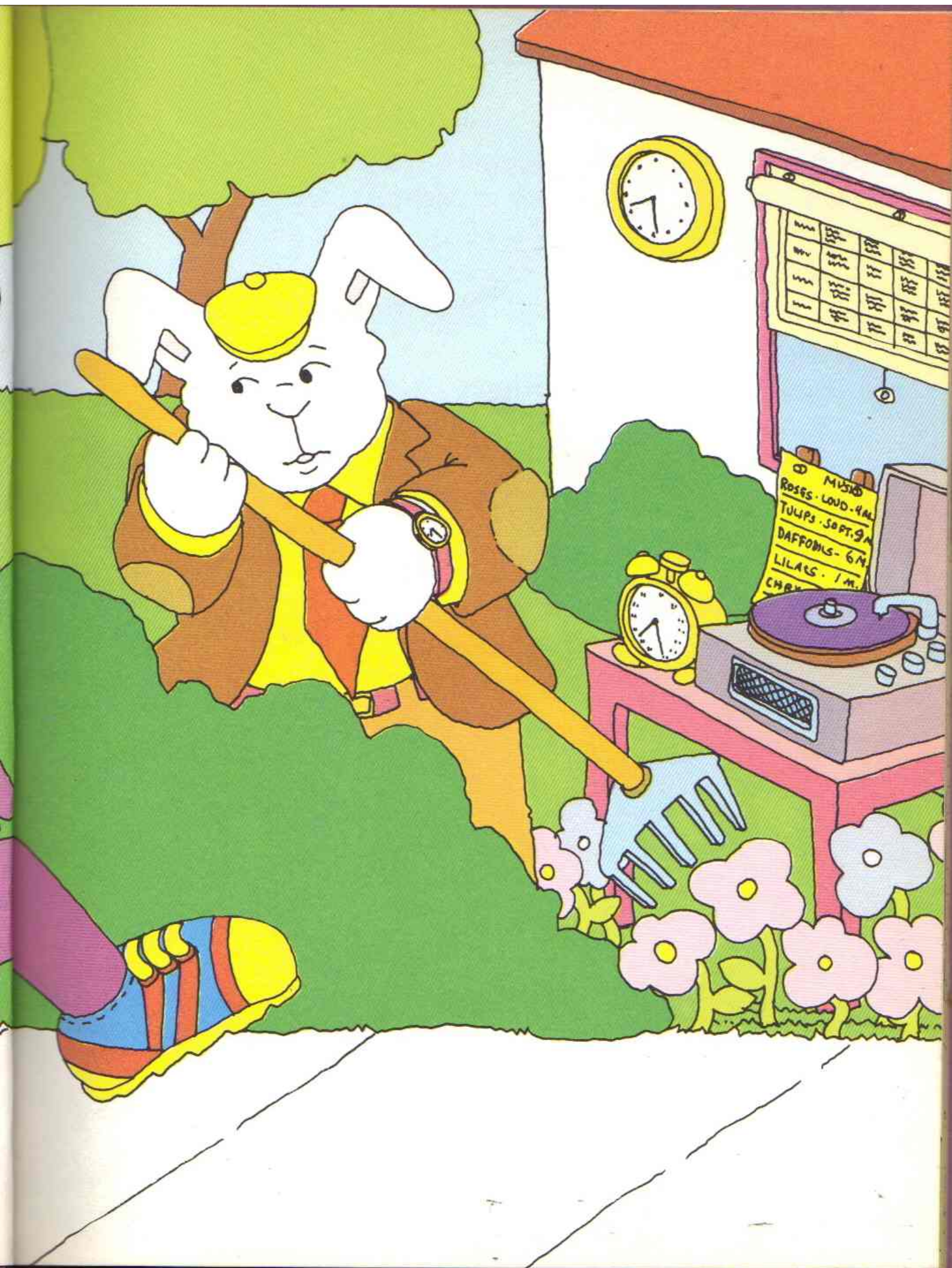
Rabbit was busily seeding and weeding one morning when Hippo jogged by and asked for a glass of water. "I'm too busy," called Rabbit. "If I stop and go into the house and bring you a glass of water, I'll lose approximately two minutes. Then I'll be late on my schedule all day!"

"You mean you don't have time to do a favor for a *friend*?" sniffed Hippo.

"I'm sorry," said Rabbit. "Go ask Goose. She's never busy!"









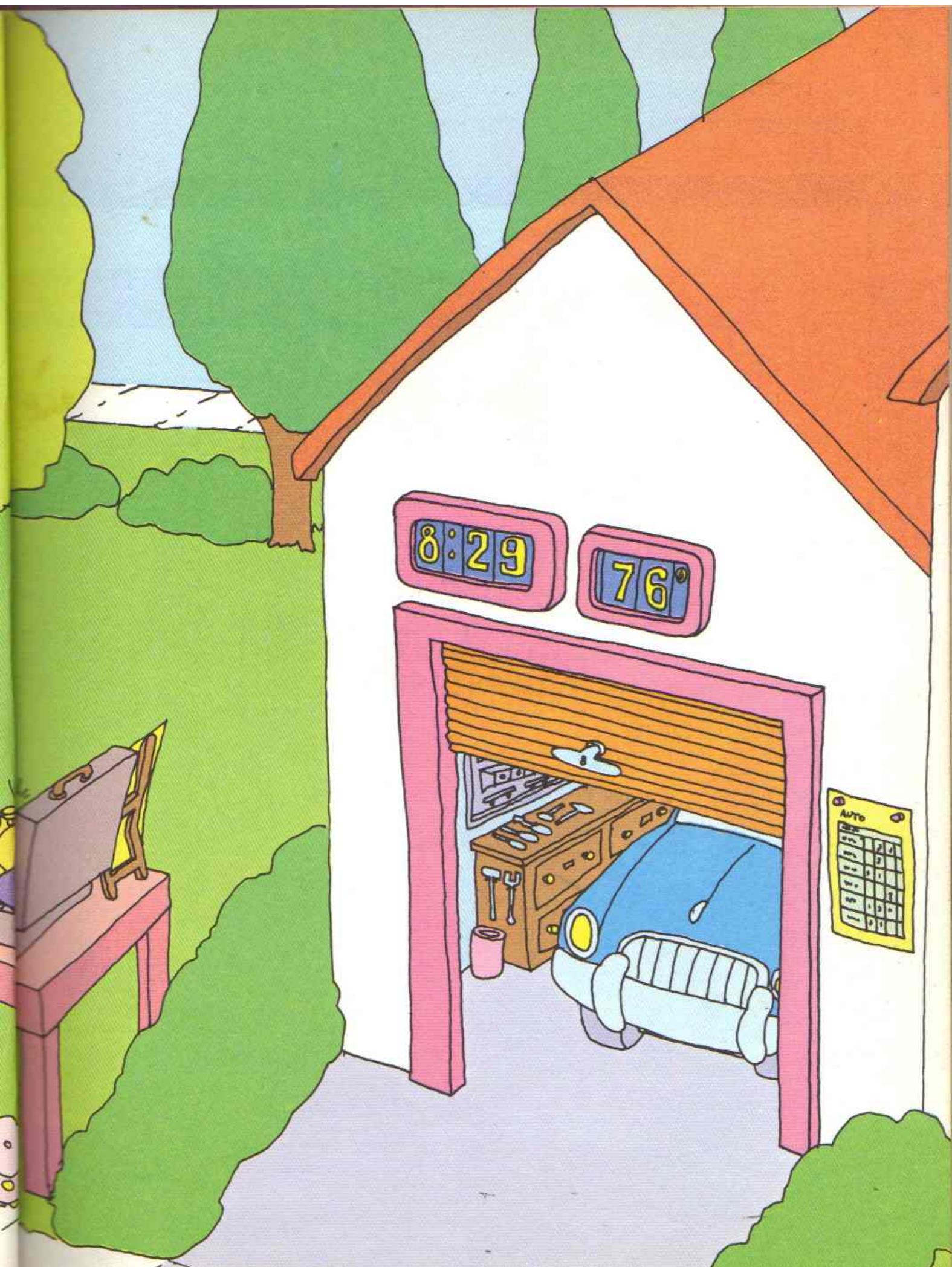
Just then an alarm clock went off.

"There!" smiled Rabbit. I'm right on schedule. The alarm was set for precisely eight twenty-nine. That gives me one minute to consult my schedule, eight minutes to put my tools away, ten minutes to shower and change clothes, and twelve minutes to hop down to the bank and begin work at nine o'clock sharp!"

"Begin work!" snorted Hippo. "You're *always* working!" "Shhh!" grumbled Rabbit. "Don't interrupt my schedule."



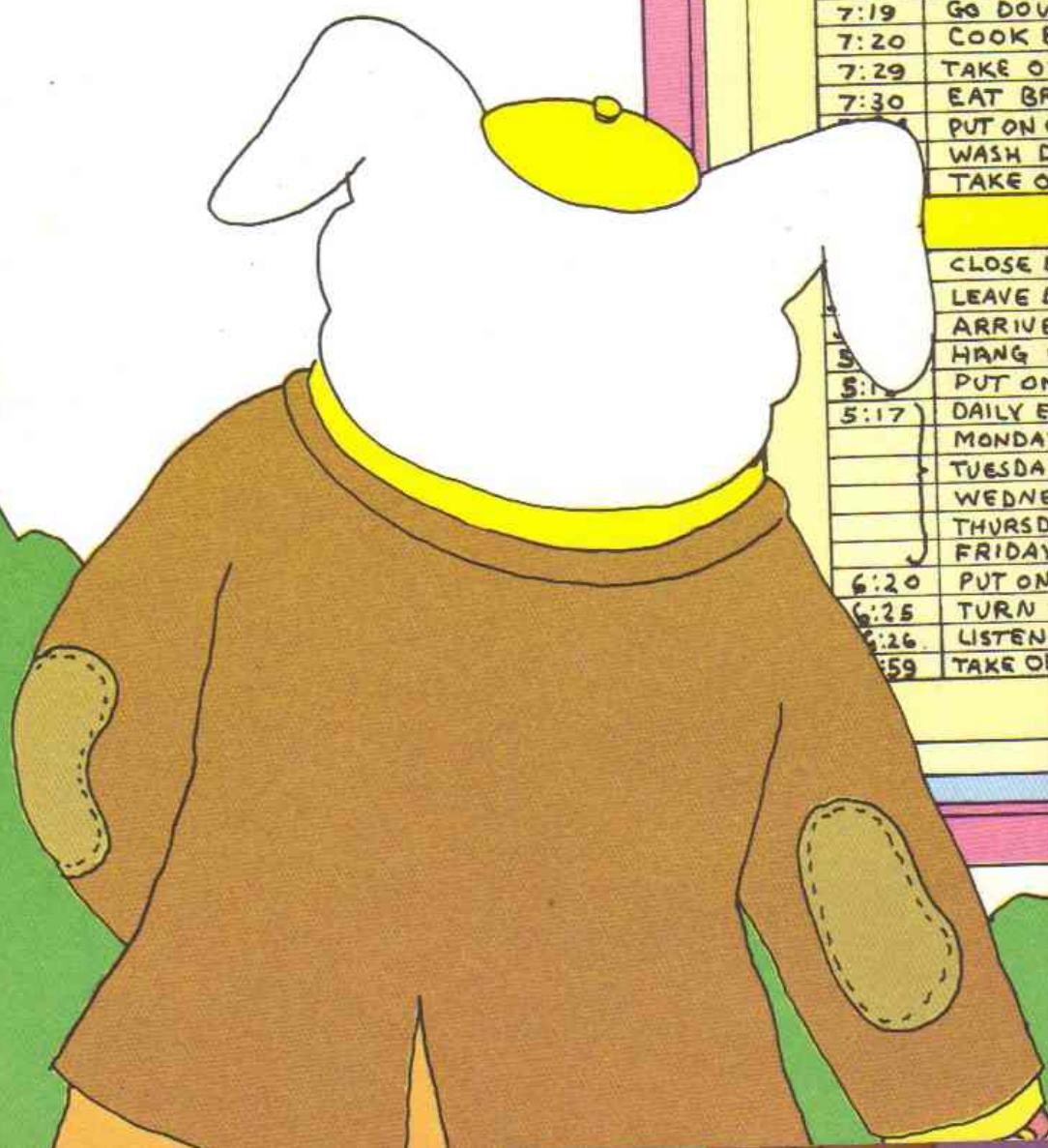
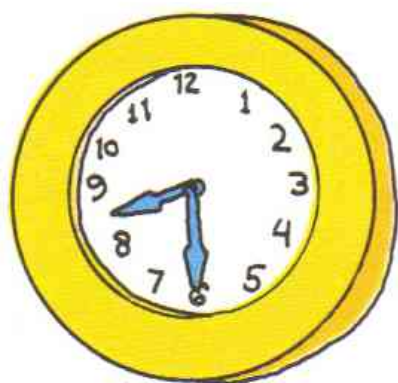




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Rabbit hopped over to the garage and looked at his schedule for exactly one minute.



#### A.M.

7:01	WAKE UP
7:02	TURN OFF
7:03	PUT ON
7:04	MAKE BED
7:06	TIDY THE
7:11	BRUSH TEETH
7:15	WASH FACE
7:17	PUT ON CLEA
7:19	GO DOWN
7:20	COOK BRE
7:29	TAKE OFF
7:30	EAT BREAK
	PUT ON CLEA
	WASH DIS-
	TAKE OFF

CLOSE BAN

LEAVE BAN

ARRIVE

HANG UP

PUT ON

DAILY ERR

MONDAY:

TUESDAY:

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY:

6:20 PUT ON CHE

6:25 TURN ON

6:26 LISTEN WH

59 TAKE OFF



## MORNING SCHEDULE (A.M.)

ALARM CLOCKS	7:55	PUT ON GARDENING CLOTHES
ROBE AND SLIPPERS	8:00	GO INTO GARDEN
BEDROOM	8:01	SET ALARM CLOCK FOR 8:29
APRON	8:02	SEED AND WEED
STAIRS	8:07	START PLAYING MUSIC TO PLANTS
FAST	8:28	STOP PLAYING MUSIC TO PLANTS
APRON	8:29	CONSULT SCHEDULE FOR ONE MINUTE
FAST	8:30	PUT TOOLS AWAY
APRON	8:38	TAKE SHOWER
FAST	8:43	PUT ON BUSINESS SUIT
APRON	8:48	LEAVE FOR WORK
FAST	9:00	ARRIVE AT BANK
APRON	9:01	LOOK AT WORK SCHEDULE IN BANK
FAST	9:02	BEGIN WORK
APRON	→	ADDITIONAL ITEMS ON SCHEDULE & AT BANK

## AFTERNOON AND EVENING SCHEDULE\* (P.M.)

GO PUBLIC - 3:00 SHARP	7:00	EAT DINNER
GOO	7:19	PUT ON CLEAN APRON
HOME	7:20	WASH DISHES
BUSINESS SUIT	7:30	DO HOUSEHOLD CHORES (SEE BELOW)
SLACKS AND SHIRT		MONDAY: CLEAN KITCHEN   TUESDAY: IRON CLOTHES
ADS (SEE BELOW)		WEDNESDAY: CLEAN LIVING ROOM, CHANGE BED
SUPERMARKET		THURSDAY: CLEAN BATHROOM   FRIDAY: VACUUM
LAUNDROMAT	9:30	WORK ON SCHEDULES
APPLIES FOR GARDEN	10:45	UNDRESS
SUPERMARKET	10:47	PUT ON PAJAMAS
MSC. SUPPLIES FOR WEEKEND	10:50	WASH FACE
IE CAP AND APRON	10:52	BRUSH TEETH
CASSETTE PLAYER	10:55	SET ALARM CLOCKS
COOKING DINNER	11:00	TURN OUT LIGHTS
IEF'S CAP AND APRON	11:01	SLEEP 8 HOURS

SEE WEEKEND SCHEDULE FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS.

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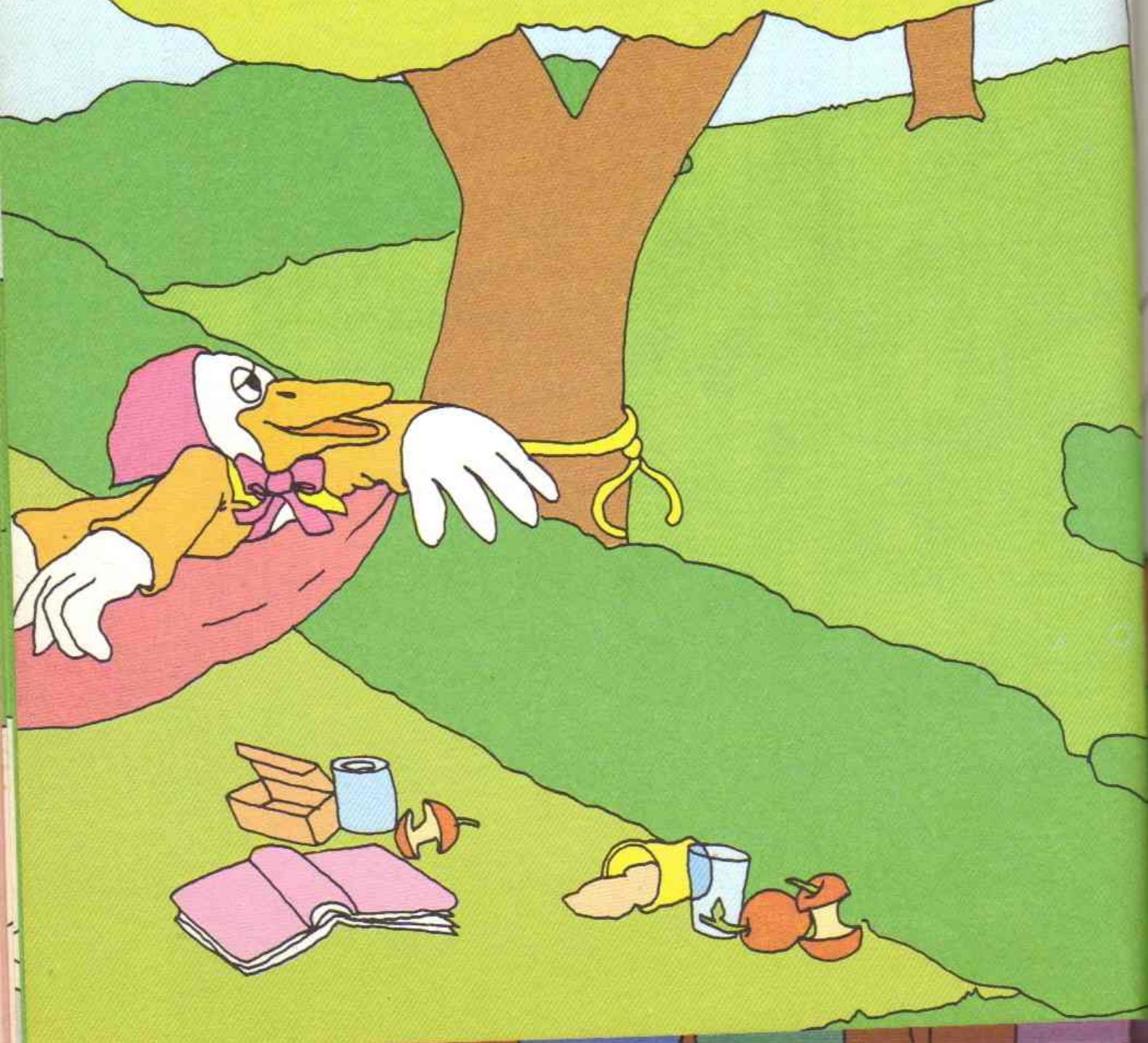


"Hey!" yawned Goose from her hammock next door.  
"Put that thing away. It makes me nervous!"

"That's right," said Hippo. "That kind of schedule isn't healthy for anybody." Hippo held his stethoscope against Rabbit's chest.

"Stop that! I'm busy!" yelled Rabbit.

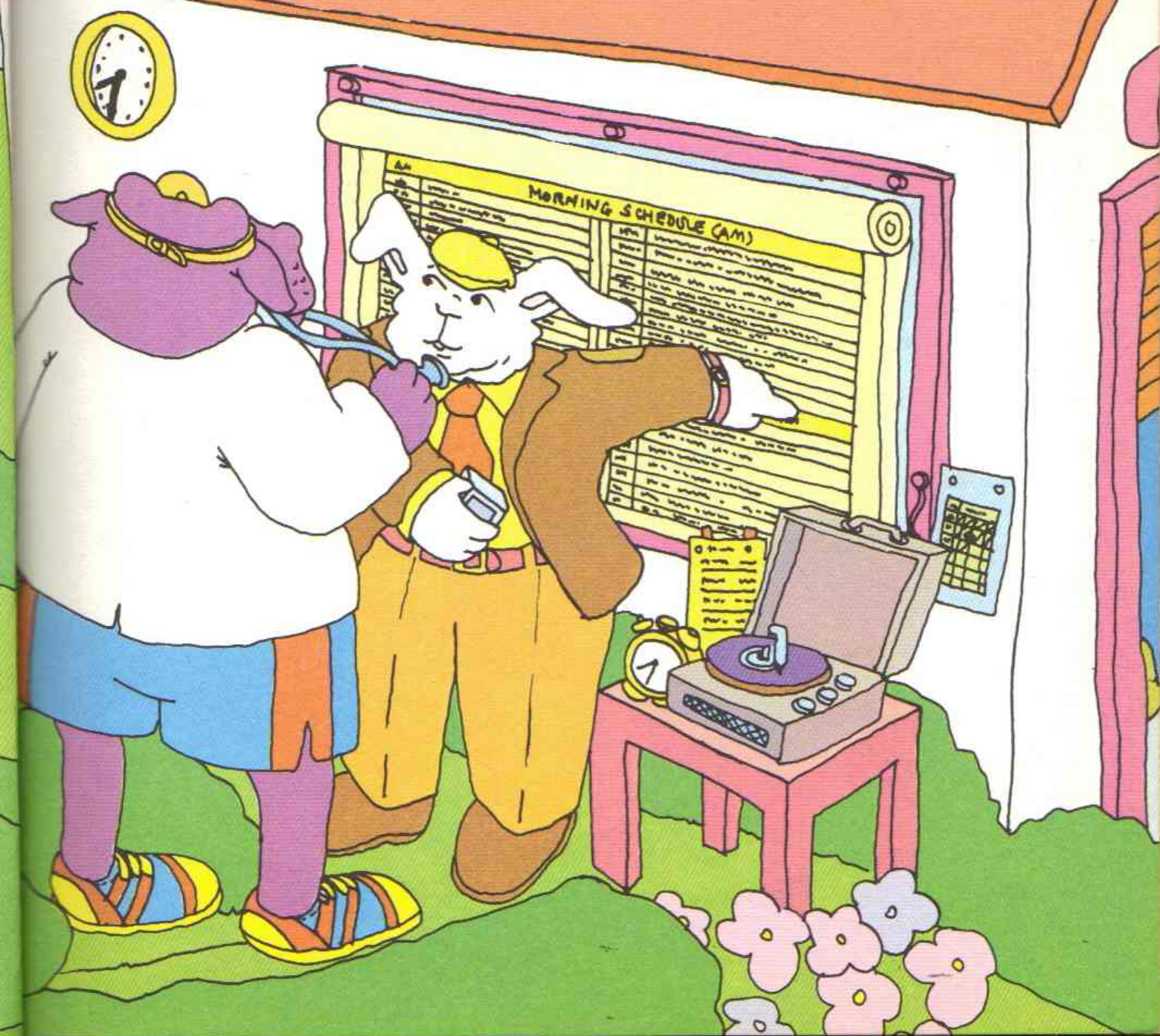
"You're very tense and that's not healthy," said Hippo. "We had better have a talk right now!"





"Well, I don't have time to listen right now!" cried Rabbit. He reached into his pocket, pulled out a little cassette recorder and handed it to Hippo. "Here!" he said. "If you have something to say, talk to my machine while I put my tools away. I'll listen to you tonight."

Rabbit pointed to his schedule. "I can listen to you at exactly six twenty-five this evening while I'm cooking dinner. I save a lot of time that way."





Hippo pressed the recording button and spoke into the machine. "Hippo to Rabbit," he said. "Take a healthy tip from a friend. You know all that time you save? You should spend it resting. Take it easy, Rabbit. Rest!"





Hippo jogged off.



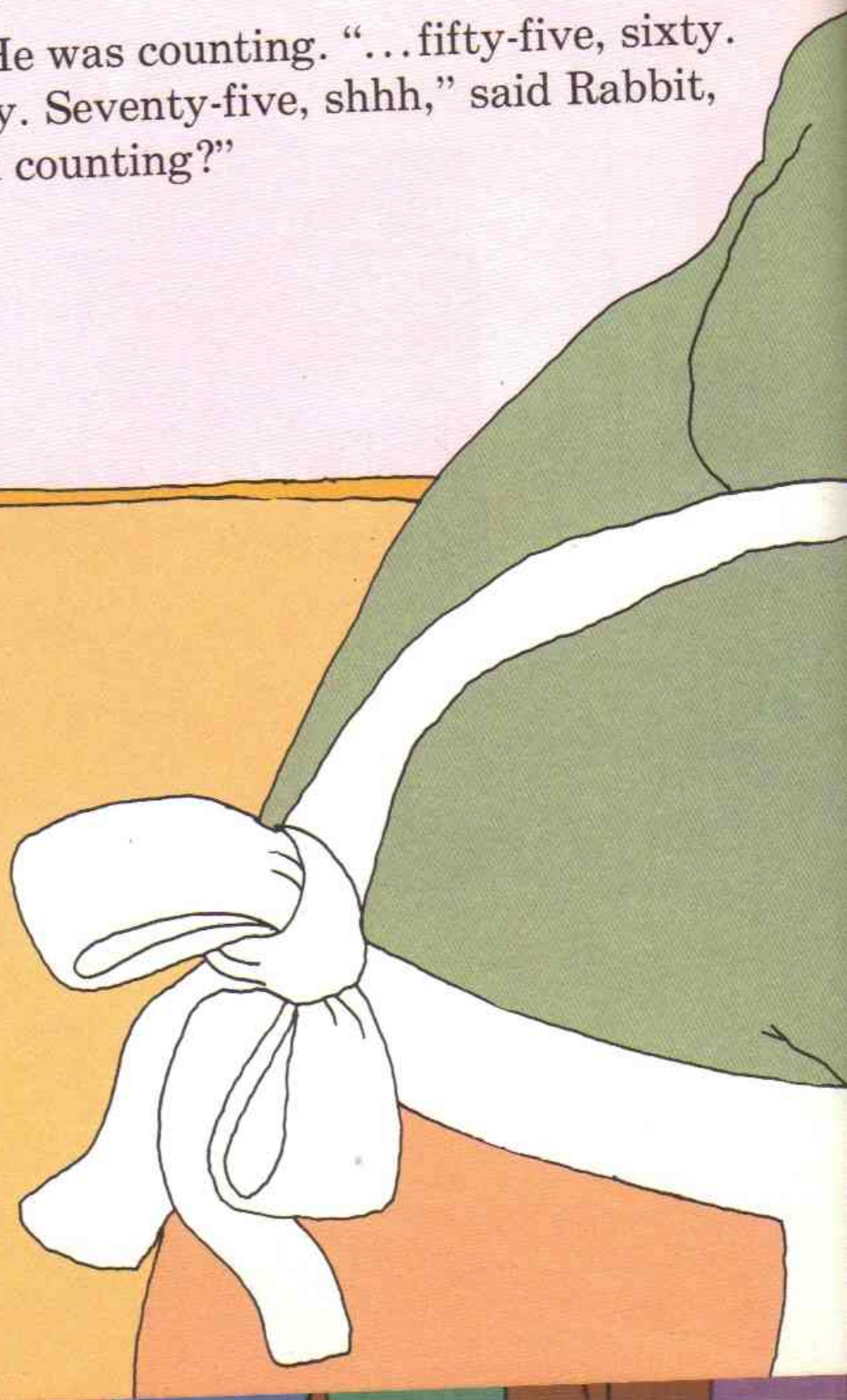


At exactly nine o'clock, Rabbit unlocked the bank door. At 9:01 he was ready for business.

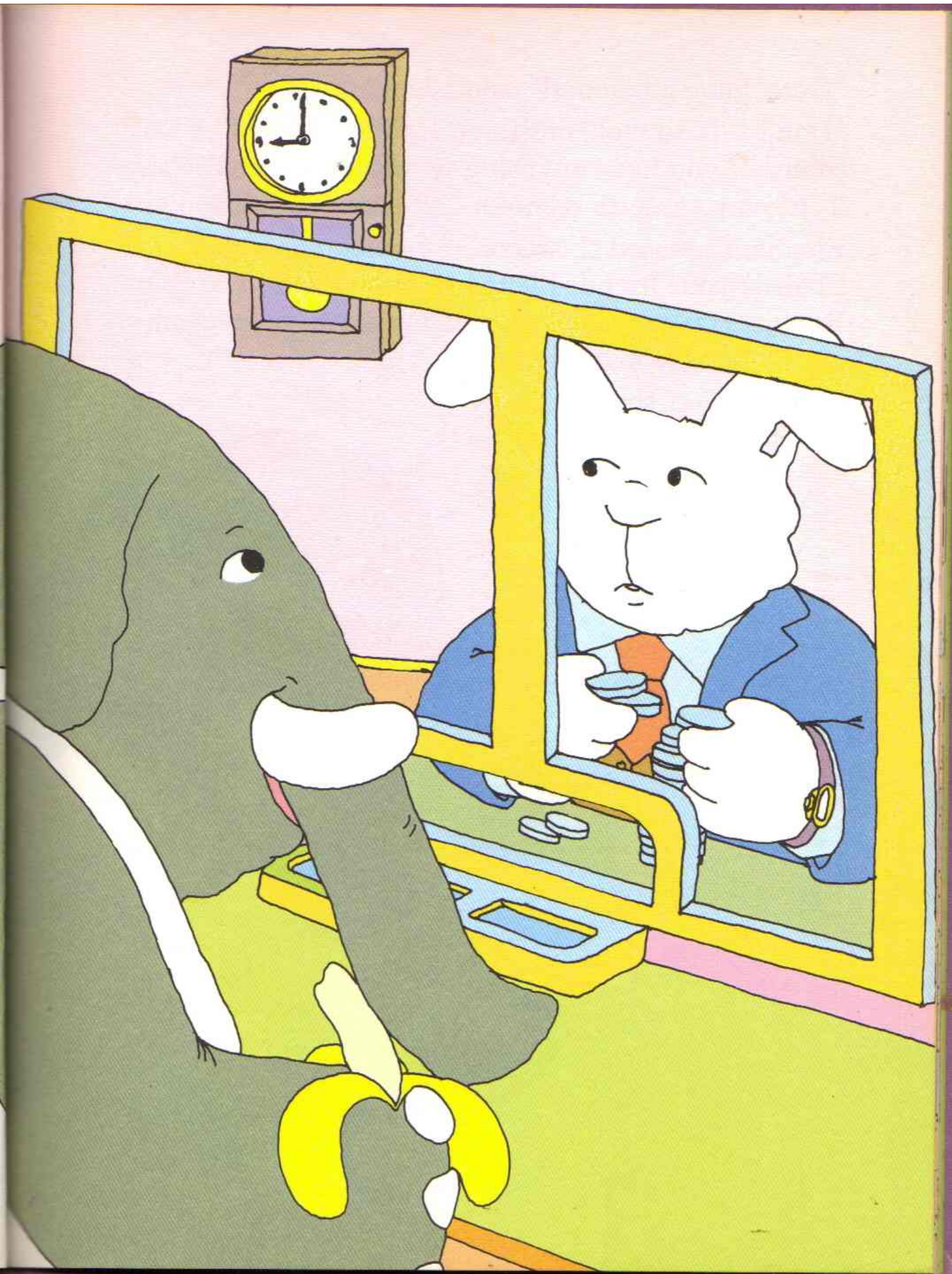
Elephant was the first customer. She wanted some change.

"You know, Rabbit," said Elephant, munching a banana, "you look a little tired to me. Maybe you're not eating right."

Rabbit frowned. He was counting. "...fifty-five, sixty. Sixty-five, seventy. Seventy-five, shhh," said Rabbit, "can't you see I'm counting?"







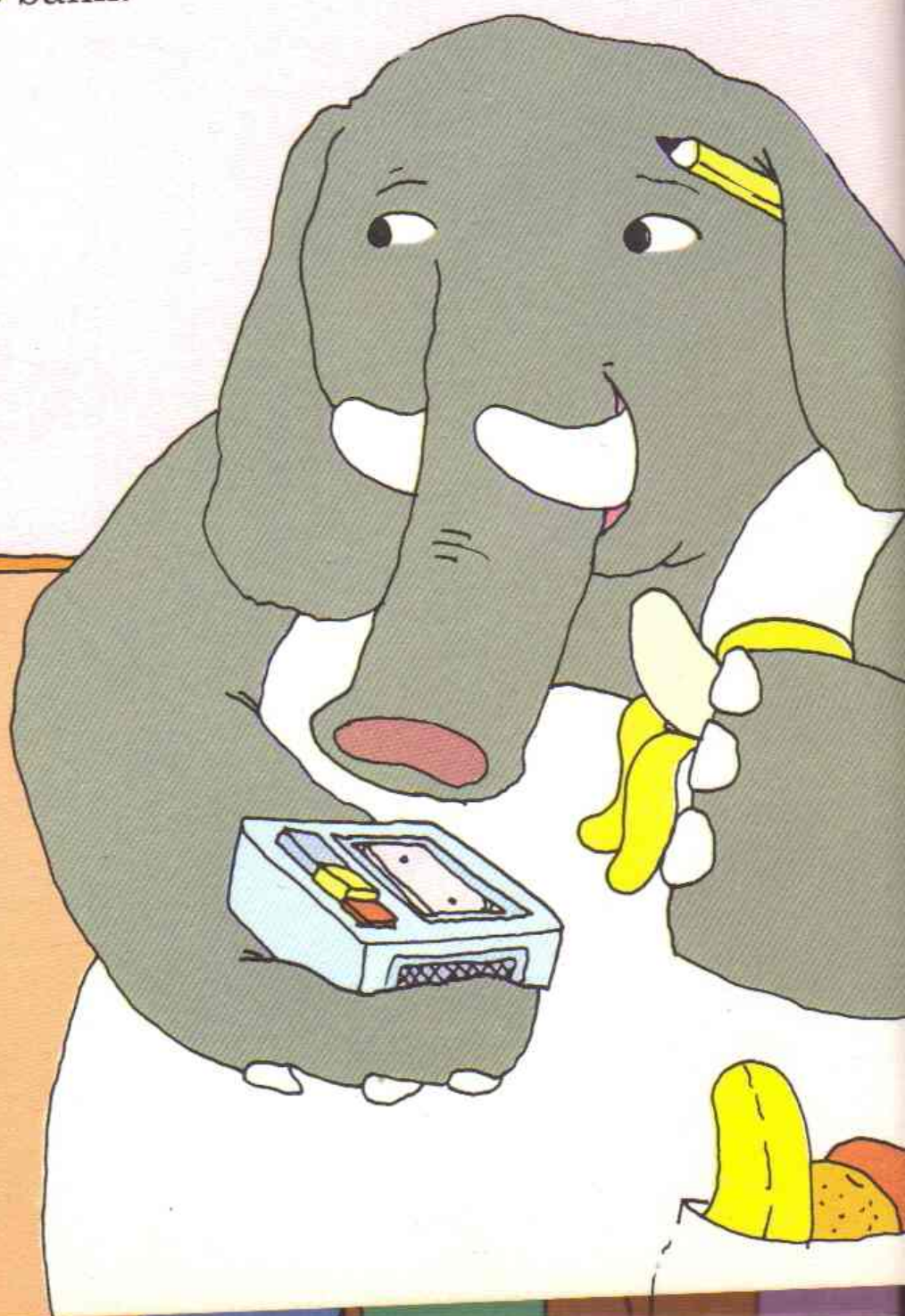


"Here, have a banana!" said Elephant.

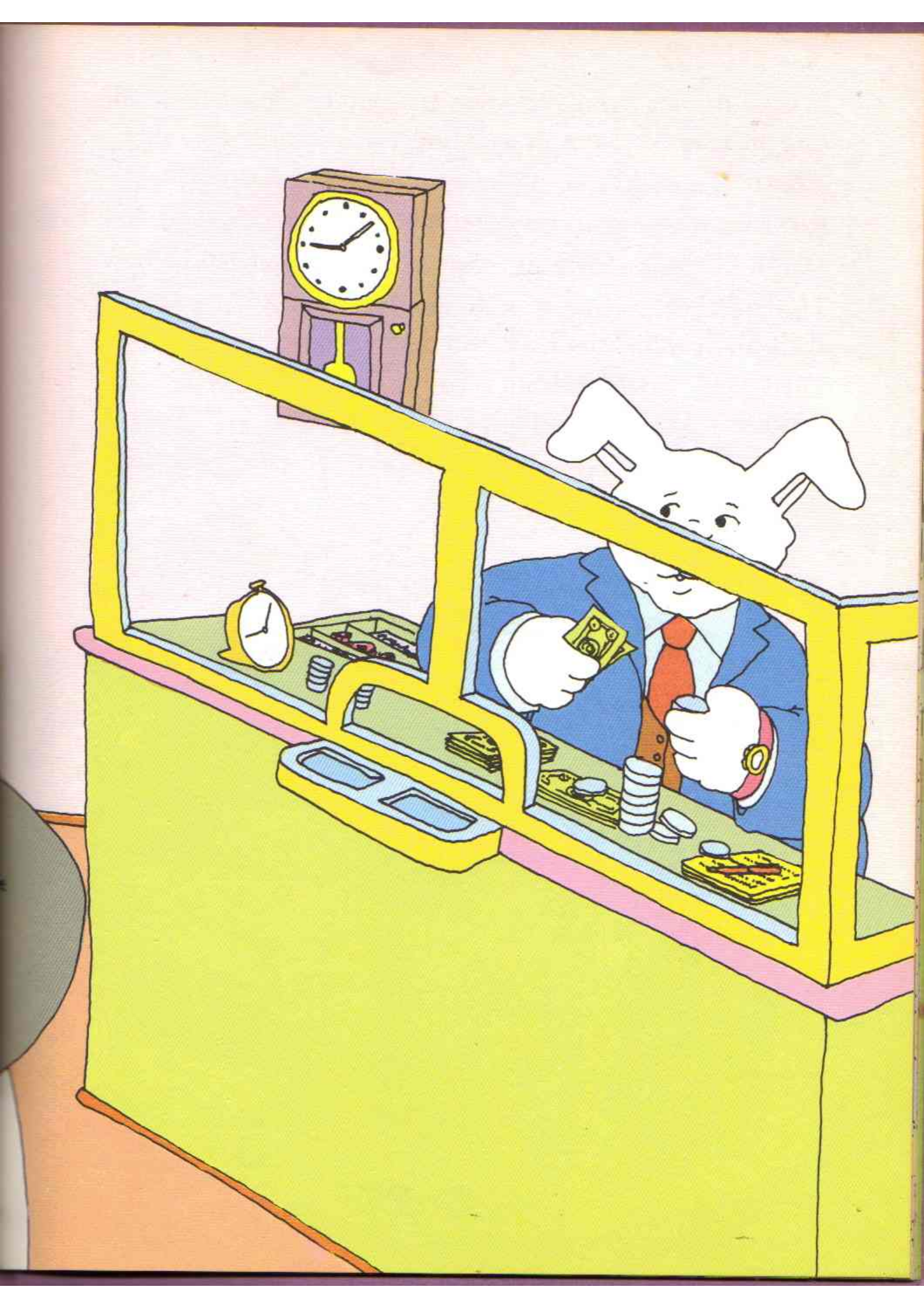
"Don't talk to me!" muttered Rabbit. "Now I've lost count. If you have anything to say to me, kindly say it into my cassette recorder. I'll listen to you tonight!"

Elephant pressed the recording button and said, "This is your friend, Elephant. You look a little thin, Rabbit. Have some cookies. Have some soup. And, please, sit down and rest!"

Elephant left the bank.









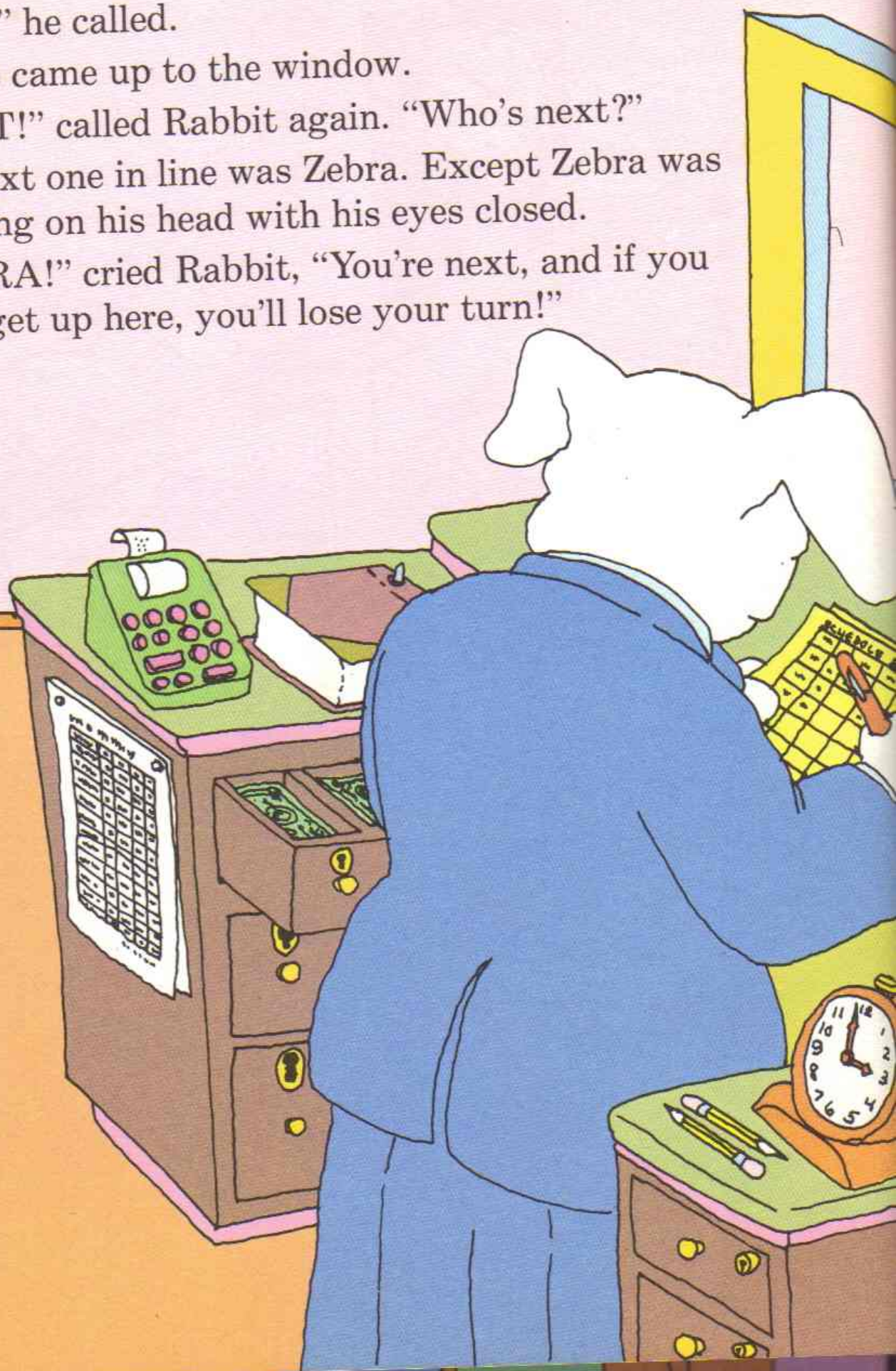
It was almost three o'clock and time to close the bank. Rabbit was working as hard and as fast as he could. "Next!" he called.

No one came up to the window.

"NEXT!" called Rabbit again. "Who's next?"

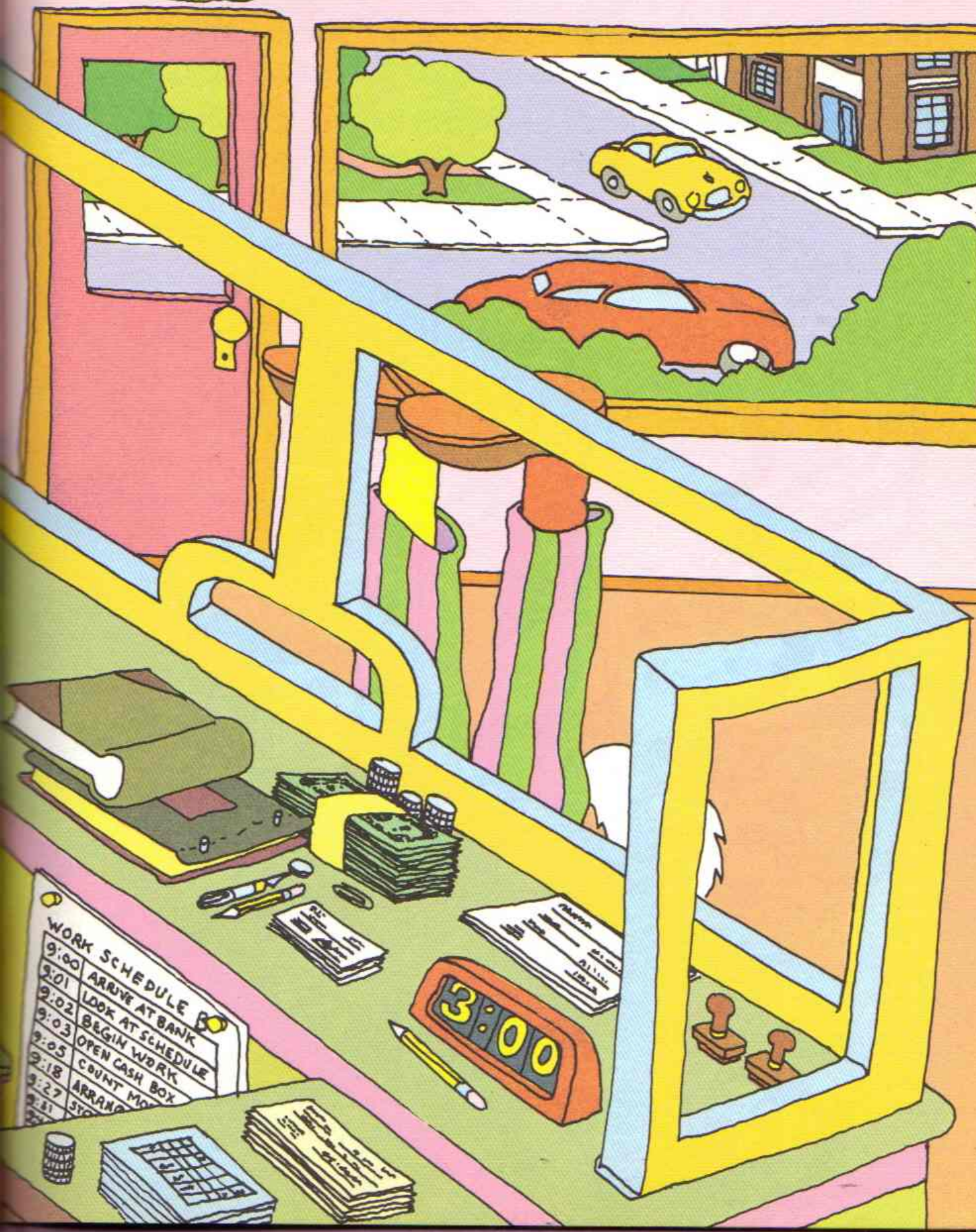
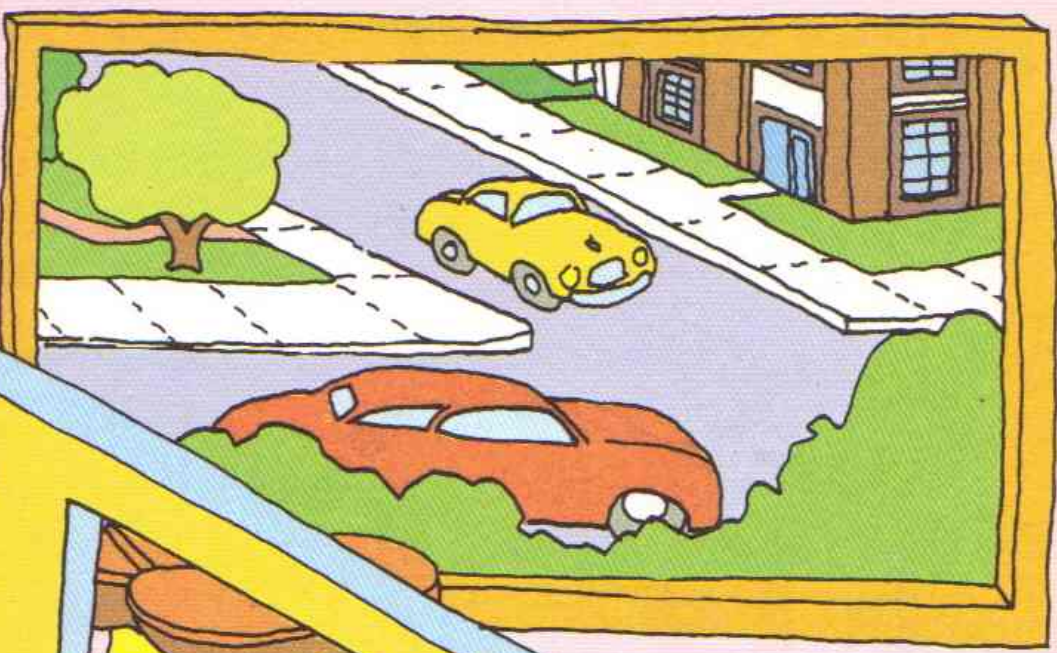
The next one in line was Zebra. Except Zebra was standing on his head with his eyes closed.

"ZEBRA!" cried Rabbit, "You're next, and if you don't get up here, you'll lose your turn!"





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WORK SCHEDULE

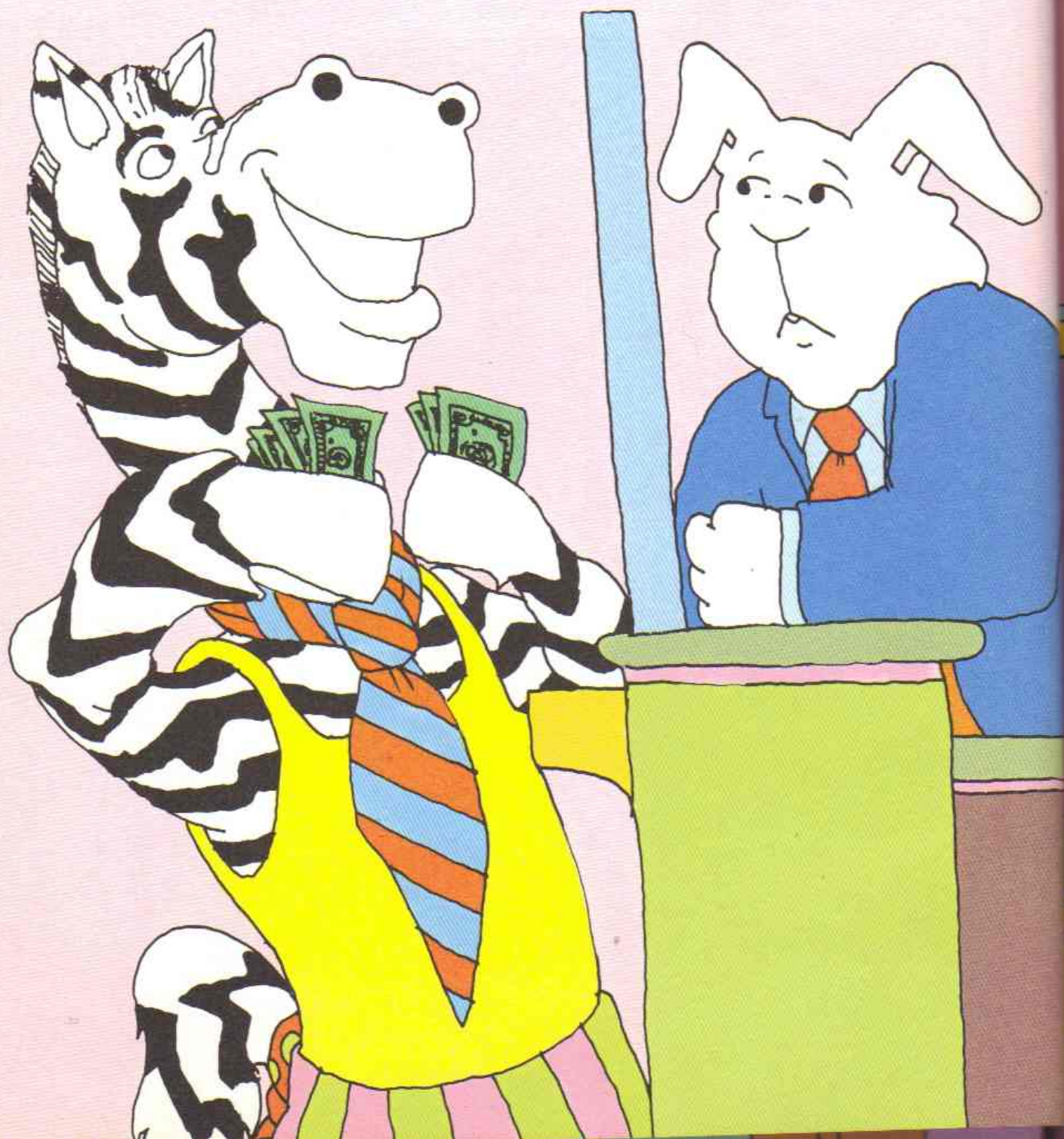
9:00	ARRIVE AT BANK
9:01	LOOK AT SCHEDULE
9:02	BEGIN WORK
9:03	OPEN CASH BOX
9:05	COUNT CASH
9:18	ARRANGE MO
9:27	STO
9:31	



Zebra flipped himself right side up and zipped up to the window. "I was doing my Yoga," laughed Zebra. "It's a relaxing way to stand in line."

"Relax on your own time!" grumbled Rabbit. "What can I do for you?"

"I want fourteen hundred and forty pennies," said Zebra. "A penny for every minute in a day."





"How can you ask me to count all those pennies at two minutes to closing?" snapped Rabbit. "I'll be late on my schedule!"

"I *could* have asked you for eighty-six thousand, four hundred pennies," giggled Zebra. "That's a penny for every second in a day."

"Why?" sighed Rabbit. "Why are you doing this to me?"

"Give me your recorder and I'll tell you why," said Zebra. "Keep counting the pennies."

Zebra pressed the recording button and said, "Hello. Guess who this is. You know all those pennies you're counting? Well, that's how much time for fun there is. And you're not having any."

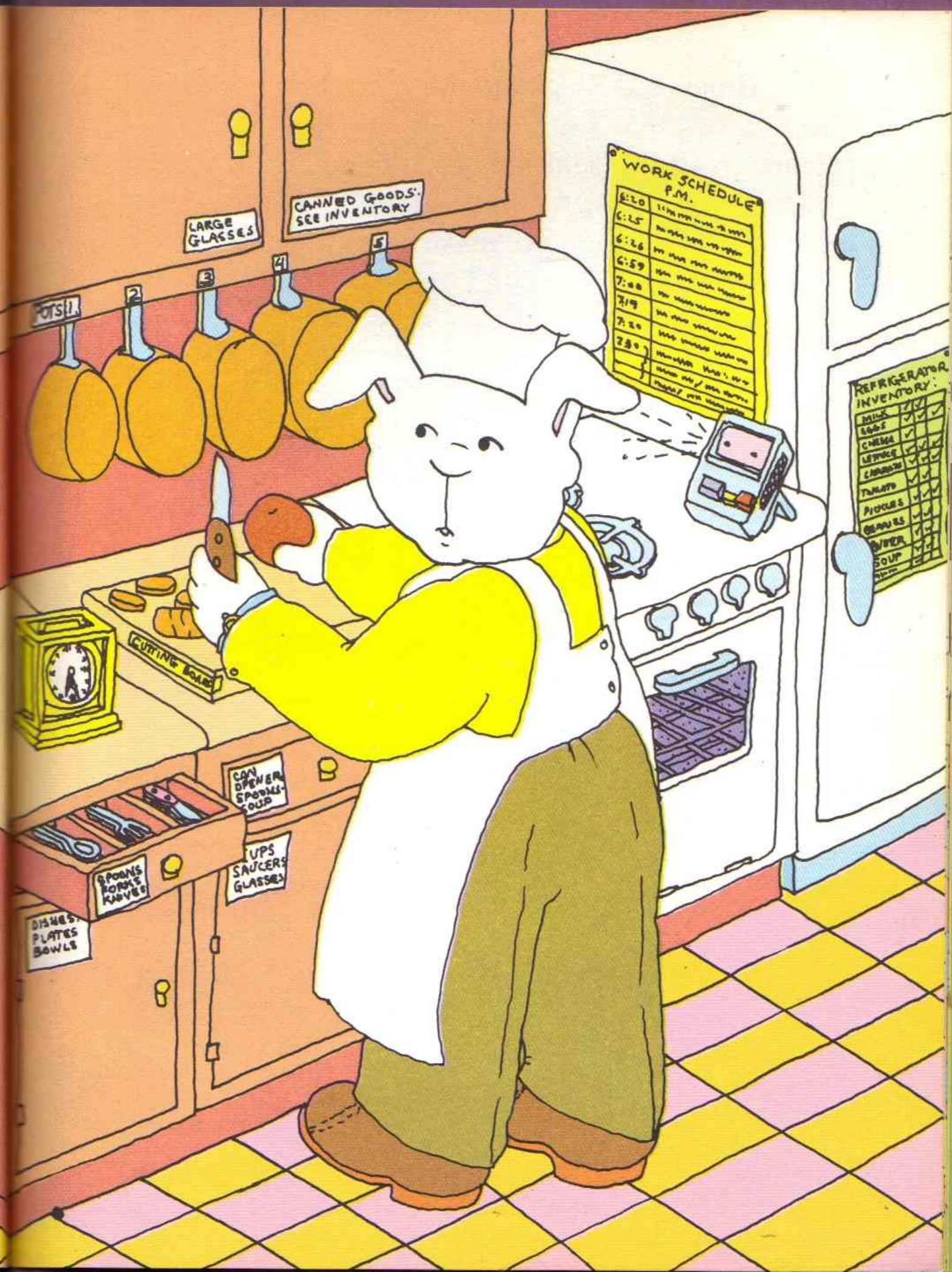




That evening, at exactly six twenty-five, Rabbit switched on his cassette recorder. He listened to Hippo and diced the carrots. He listened to Elephant and peeled a tomato. When he heard Zebra, Rabbit shouted, "This is outrageous! I am the most responsible, reliable, dependable and accountable citizen in this town. And as for resting, I sleep eight hours every night and that's just right!" Rabbit looked at the clock. "Oh, my goodness," he cried. "I'm three and a half minutes behind schedule!" Just then the doorbell rang.









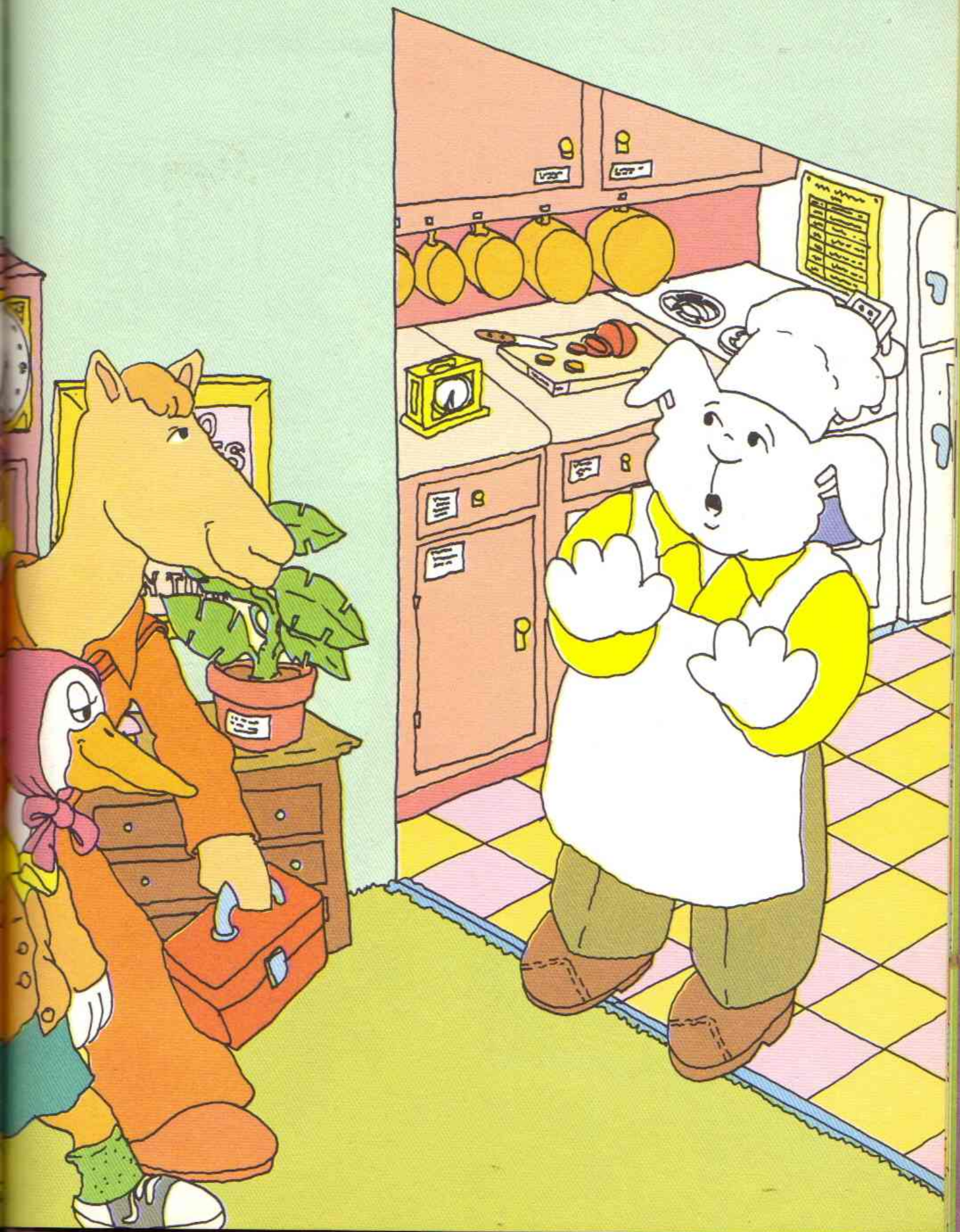
It was Hippo and Elephant and Zebra and Camel and Goose.

"Please go away," said Rabbit. "I'm busy."

"You're always busy," said Elephant. "That's why we're here. We're going to make some time for you."

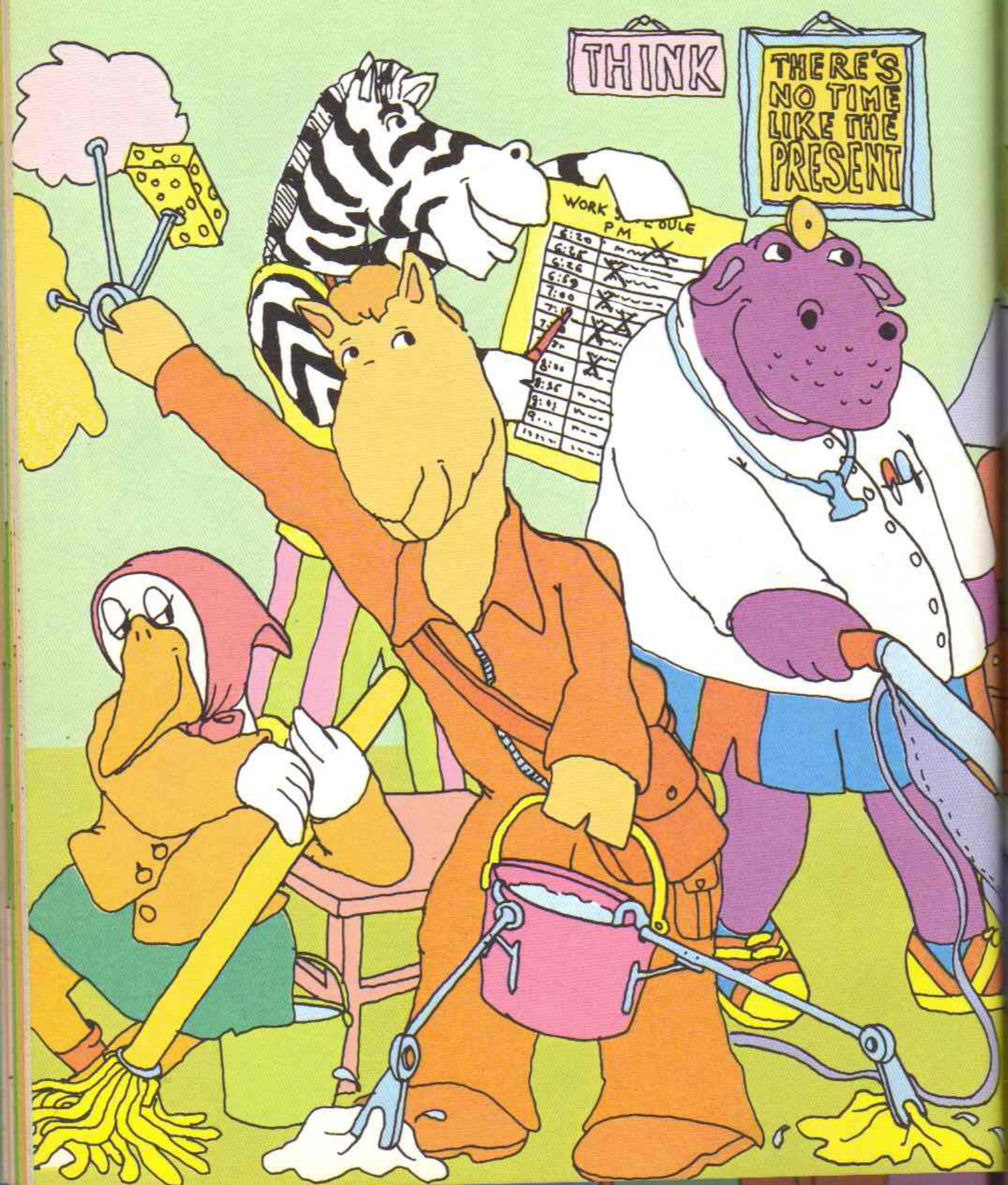




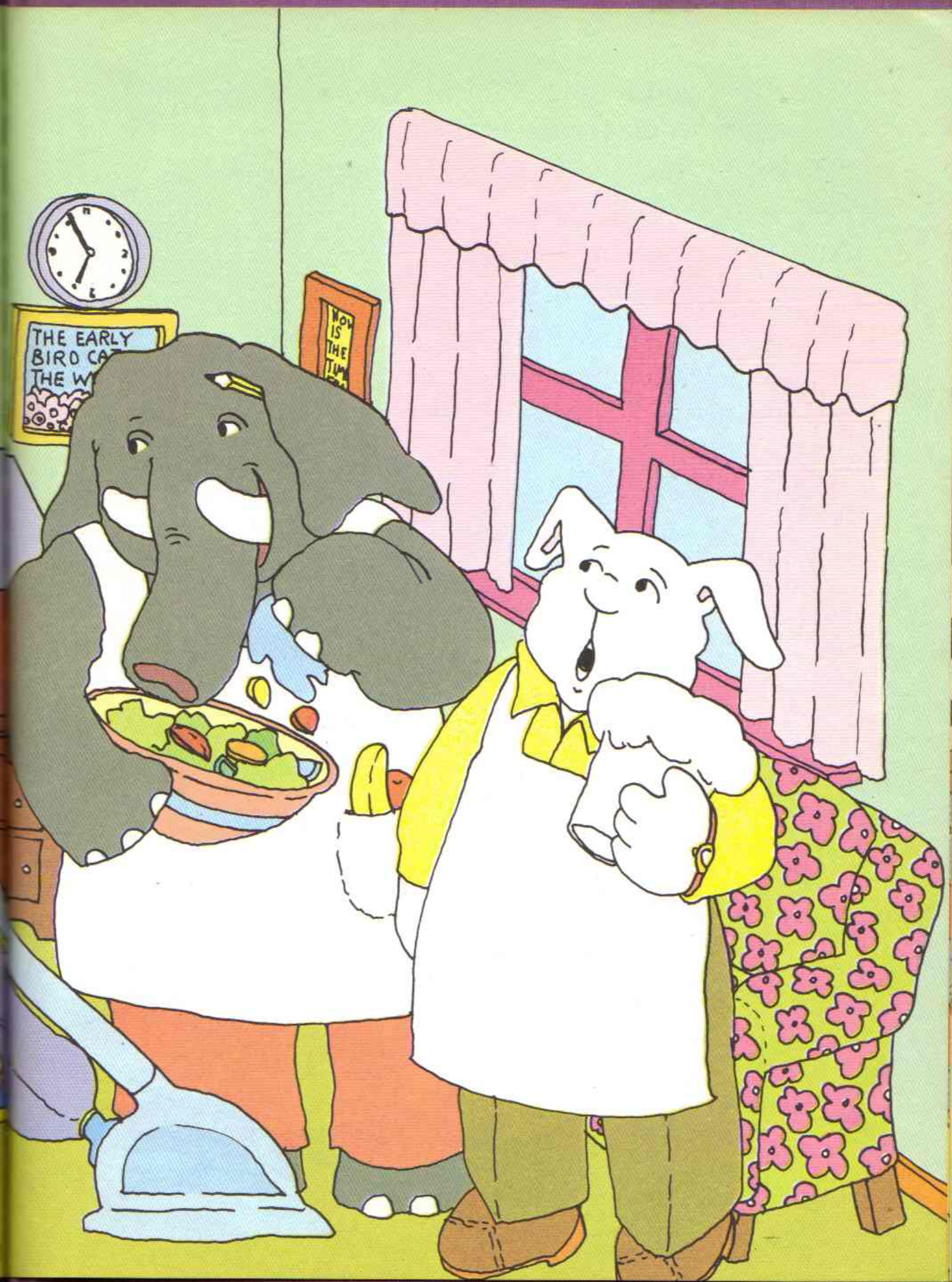




They marched into the house and began doing all the jobs listed on Rabbit's schedule.









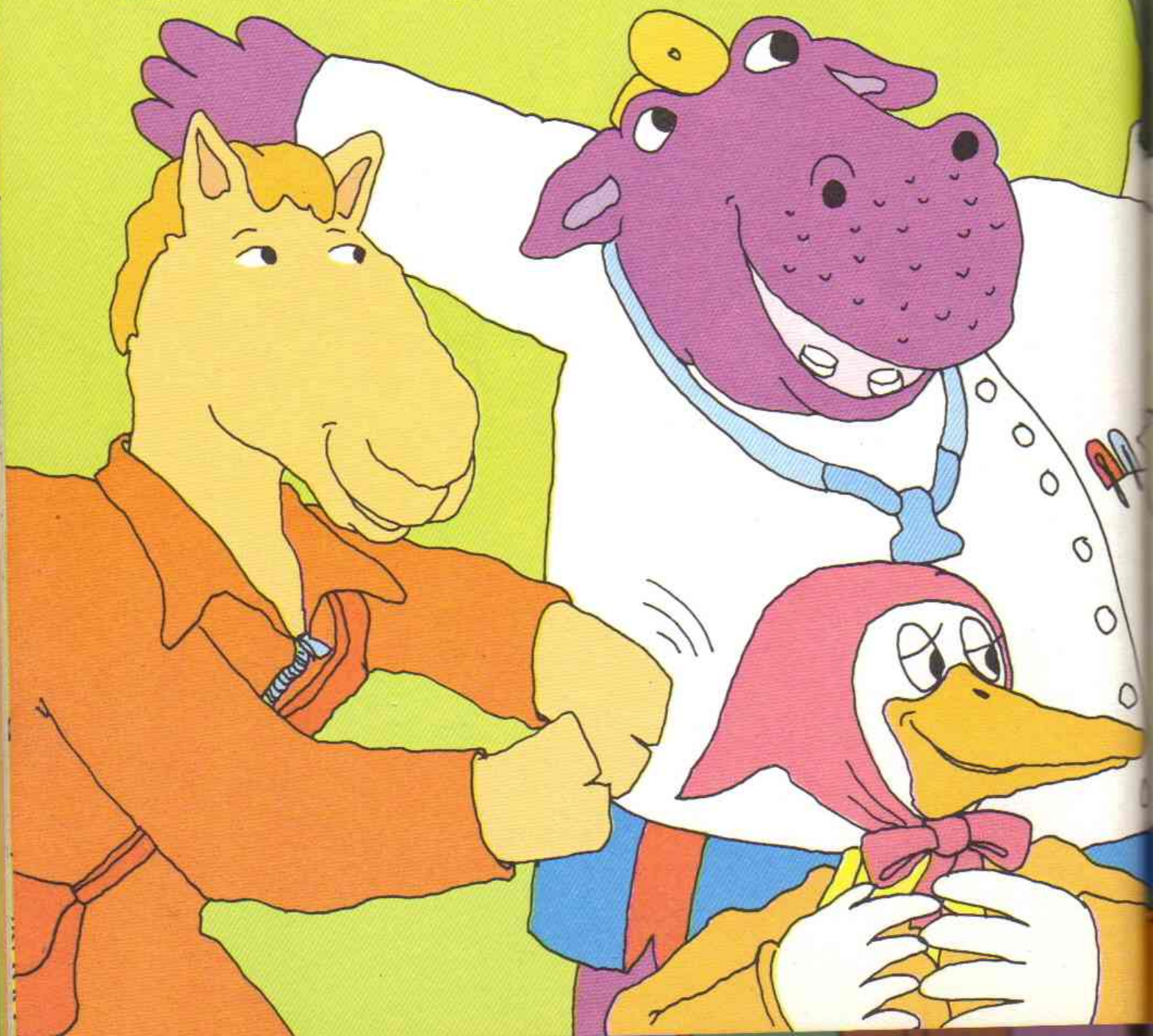
"Oh, my!" said Rabbit. "You've completed my evening schedule for the entire week!"

"Hooray!" cried everybody, clapping and cheering.

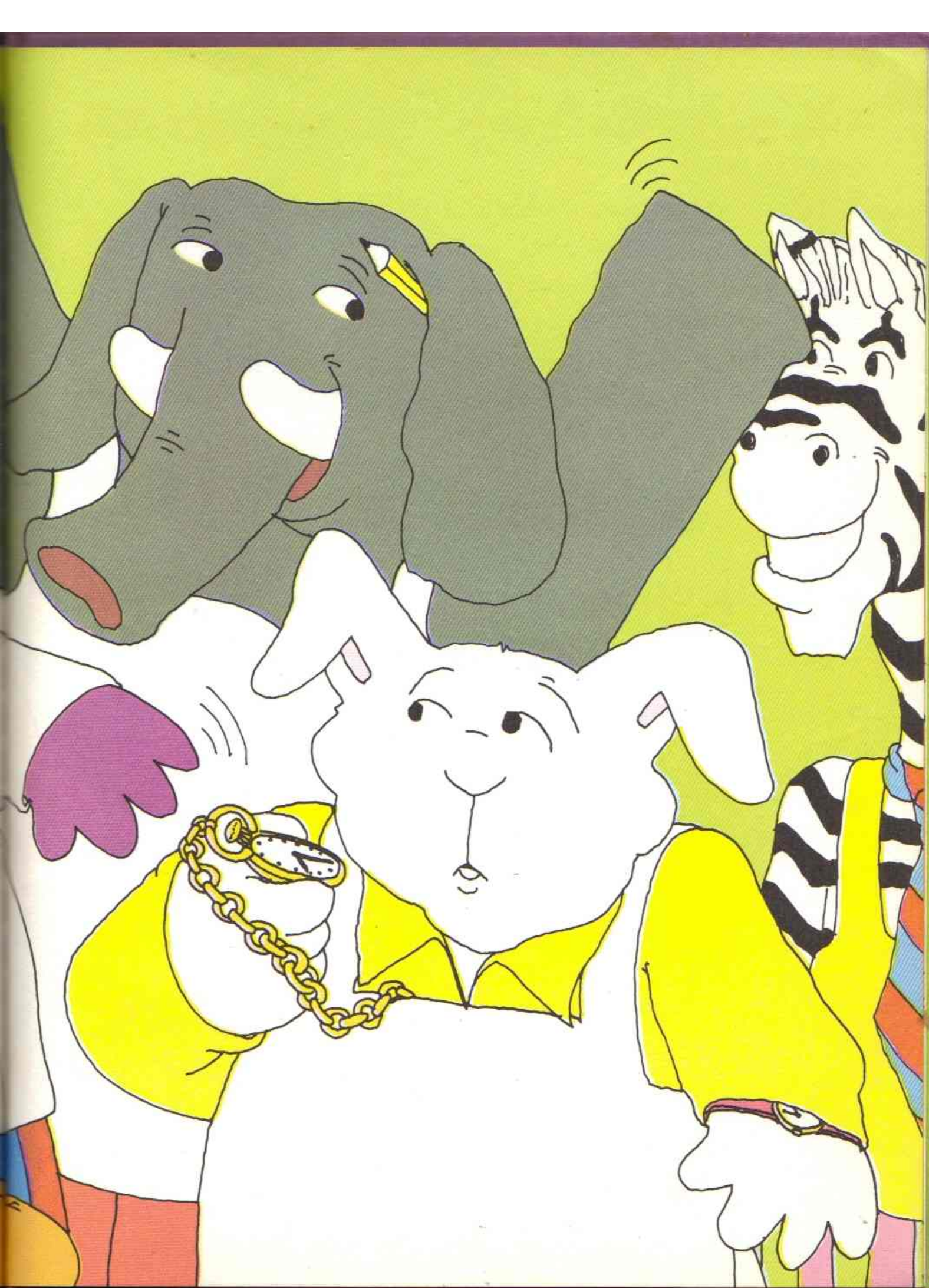
"Oh, no!" groaned Rabbit. "You don't understand. Now I have nothing to do!"

"I have nothing to *do*!"

"I HAVE NOTHING TO DO! And it's only eight twenty-nine and it's only Monday!" Rabbit groaned and moaned and hopped about nervously.









"Nothing to do," smiled Hippo, "is exactly what we had in mind."

"Now you can rest, Rabbit," said Elephant.

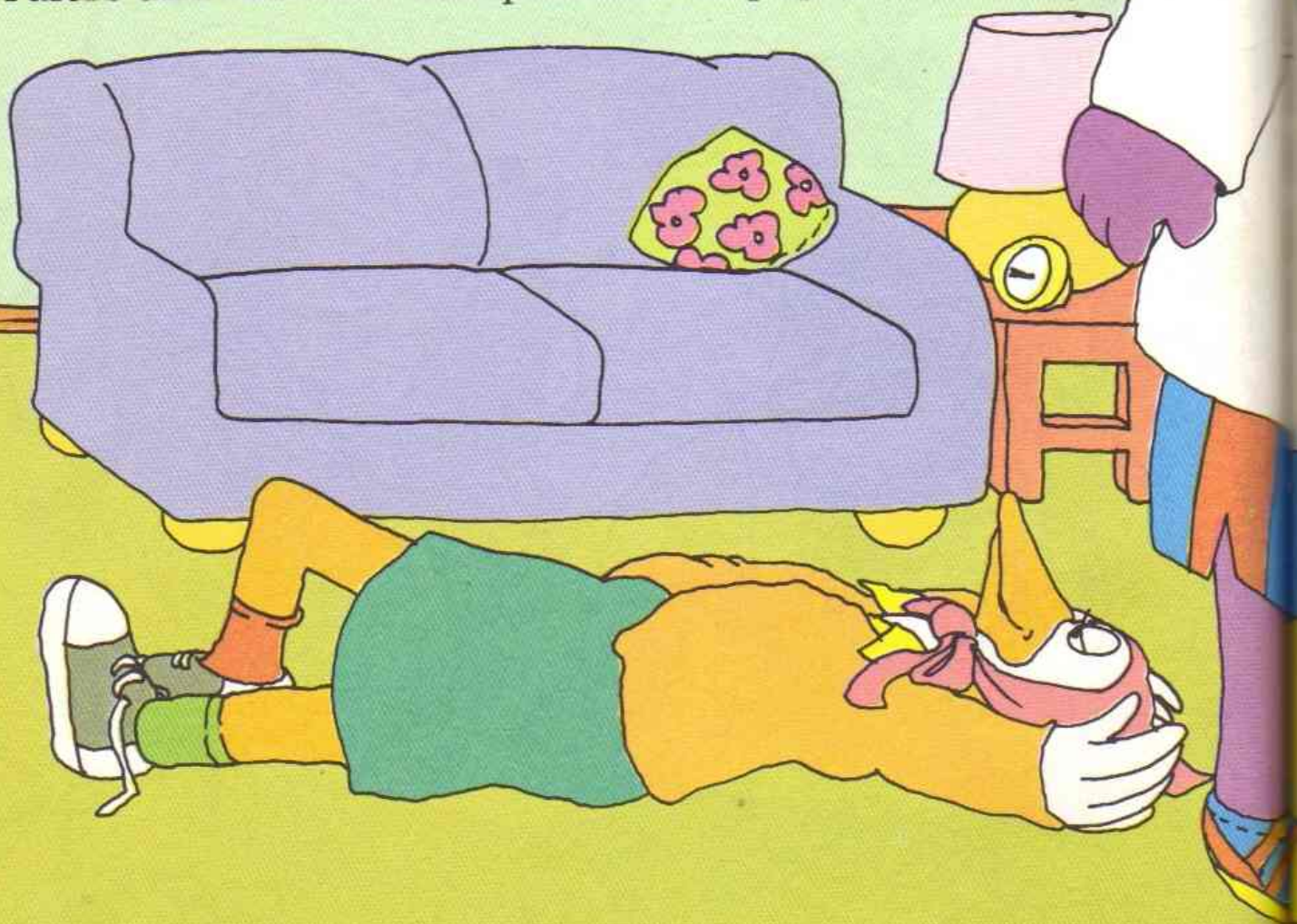
"I suppose you're right," said Rabbit. "I suppose I should rest." His voice trailed off into a small whisper. "But I don't know how!"

"Just lie down," yawned Goose, "and look at the ceiling."

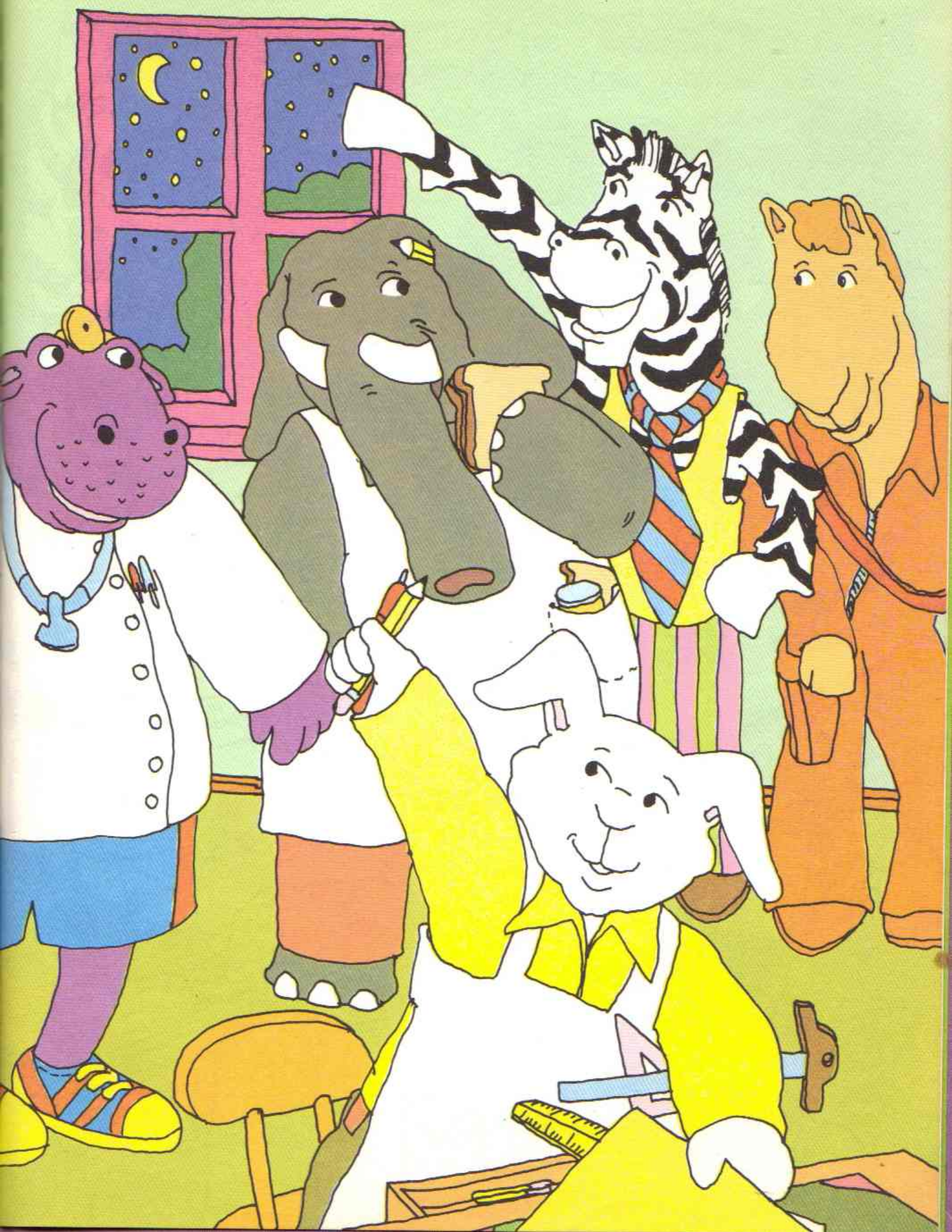
"Or make yourself a peanut butter sandwich," said Elephant.

"Or go outside and count the stars," smiled Zebra.

"Just a minute!" exclaimed Rabbit. He ran for rulers and markers and pencils and papers and clocks.

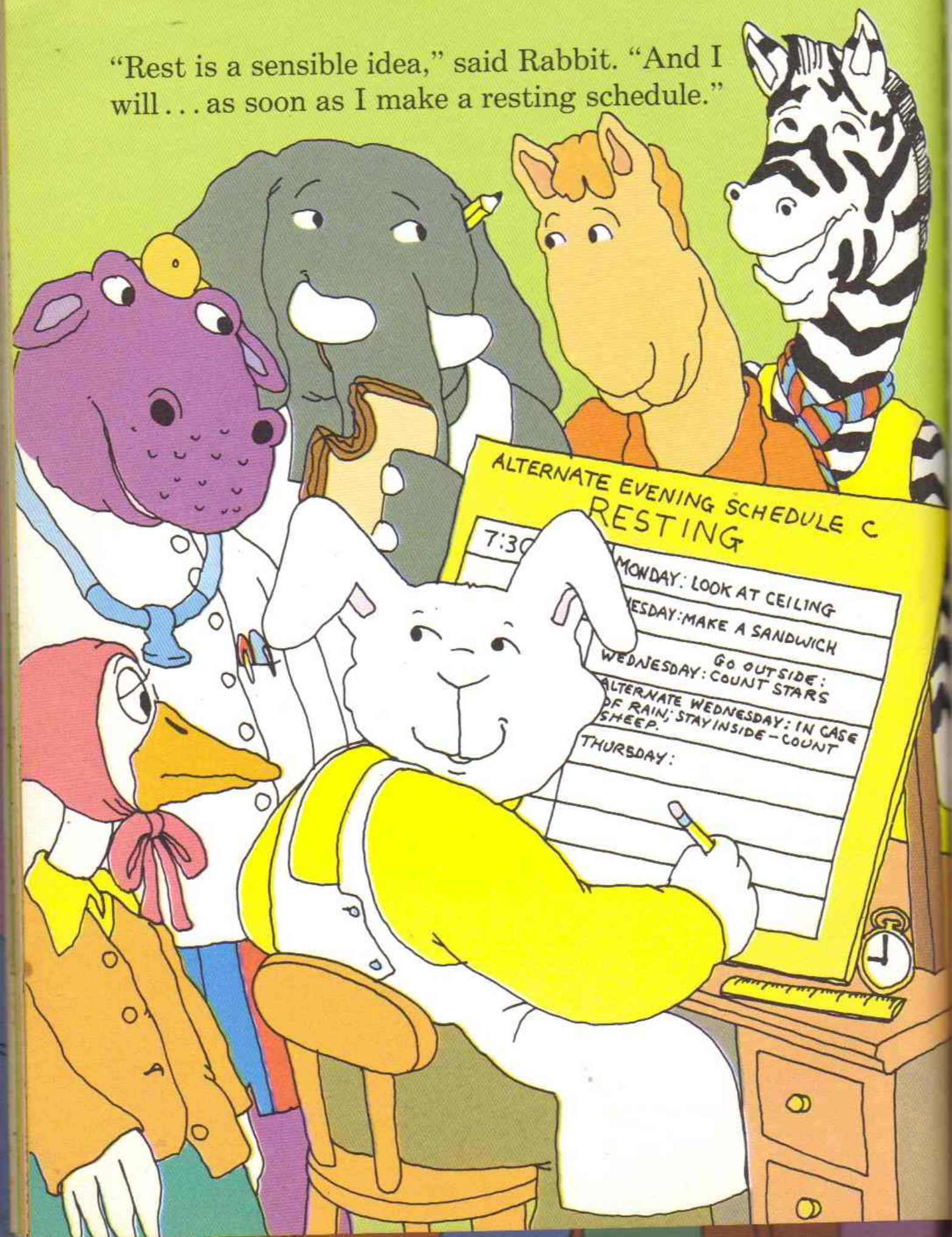








"Rest is a sensible idea," said Rabbit. "And I will... as soon as I make a resting schedule."



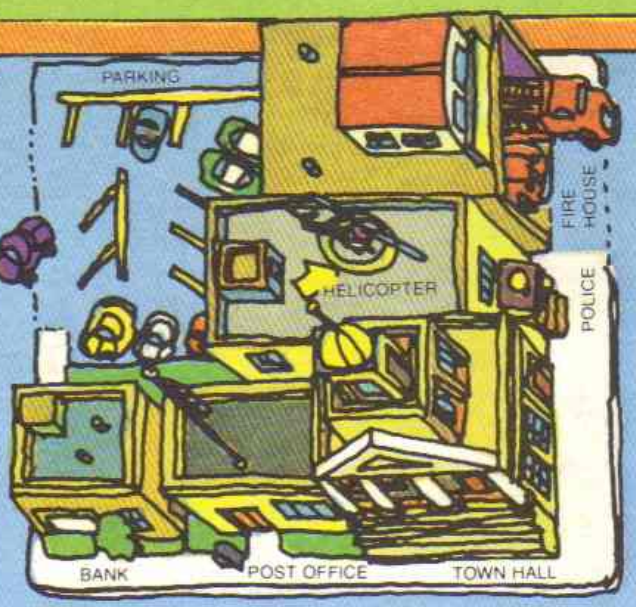




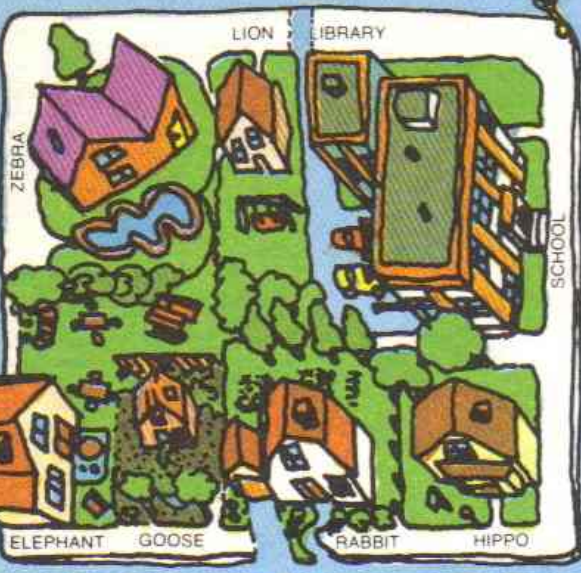




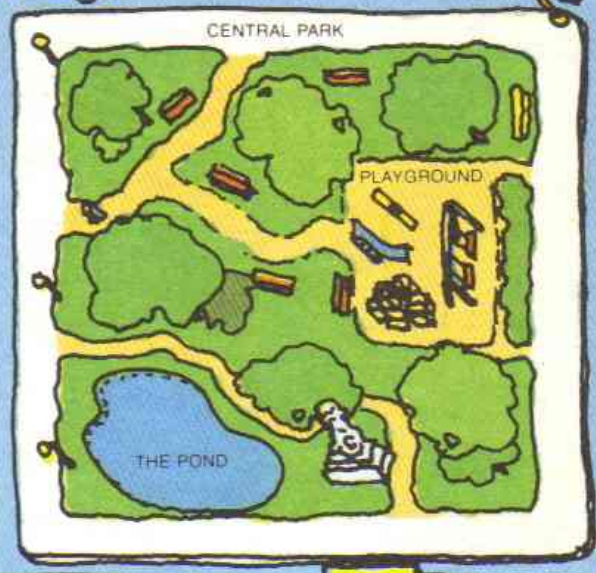
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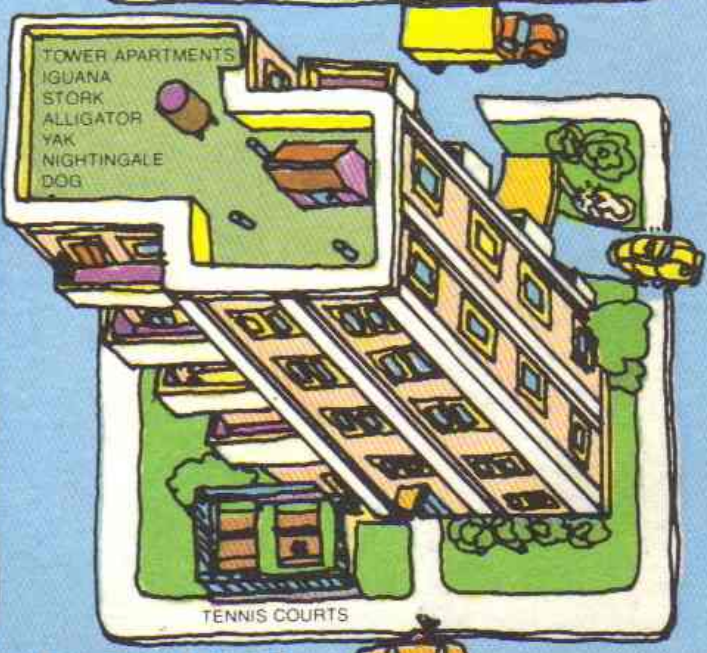
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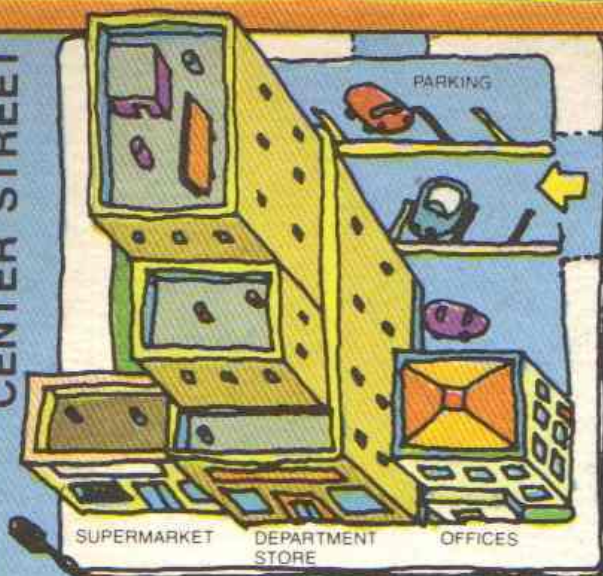
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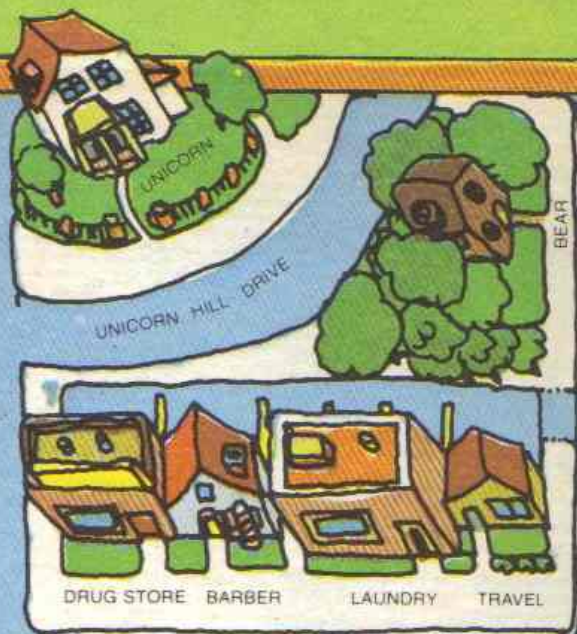
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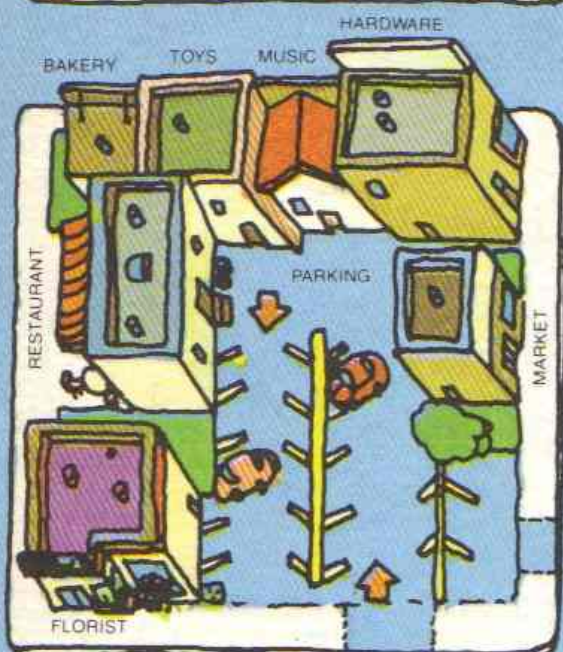
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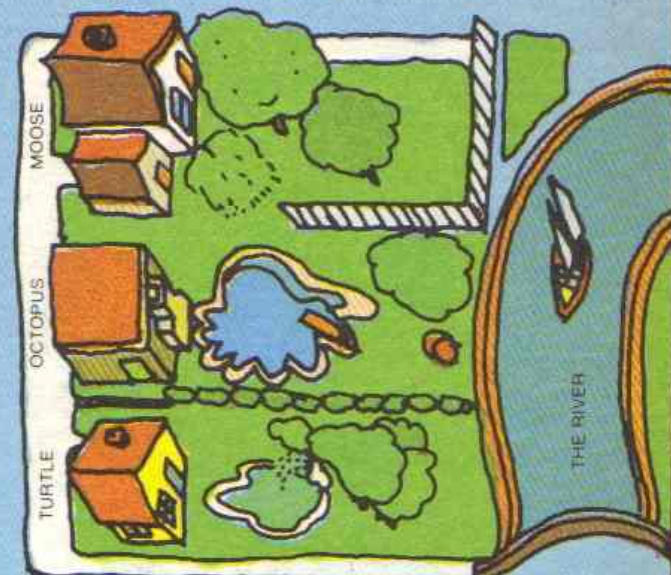
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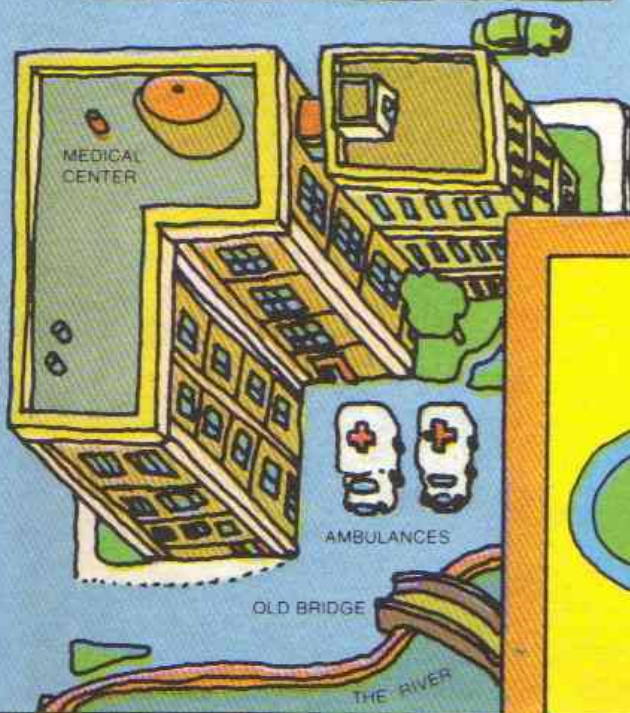
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